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DO NOT GO TO CHINA

Consul's Note of Warning to Railroad Men.

AMERICANS HAVE NO CHANCE THERE.

Mongolian Empire Has Only Two Roads, With Less Than Three Hundred Miles of Track, and the Celestials Defy Foreign Competition.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The first report to the state department from United States Consul General Goodnow, at Shanghai, contains a warning to American railroad men not to go to China for employment.

"The American only invites starvation who comes here without definite contract of employment with some reputable firm made before he leaves America. I must advise United States railway employees that there is at present no market for their labor in China, and should more roads be constructed there will be a market only if these roads are built by Americans."

The consul general says he has had many inquiries from American railroad men as to the chance for employment in China, so he describes the small Chinese railroad system to show the hopelessness of looking in that direction for work. There are only two railways in operation, with a total mileage of 293¼ miles. They employ only 27 foreigners, of whom four are engineers and the managers and division superintendents. The operatives are practically all Chinese, and a foreigner cannot compete with them.

The highest salaried natives are the telegraph operators at $30 per month. Engineers get $20 to $30 and train hands and trackmen $6 to $10 per month. All of this is in Mexican silver worth 44 cents gold on the dollar. The roads are paying 15 per cent dividends. Another road is under construction from Shanghai to Woosung, 14 miles, and Chinese are doing all the work, and on Dec. 18 the first sod was turned on the projected road from Hankow to Peking, the completion of which depends upon the success of the Belgian syndicate in floating its loan.

Mr. Goodnow recounts the ambitious schemes of Director Sheng of the imperial railways to create a vast system of railways in central China, and incloses a map showing the projects. He says Sheng's plan is to build these roads as money can be borrowed outside of China. He proposes to couple with the railway loans a government loan of $80,000,000 to pay the balance of the Japanese war indemnity. In this way the option of building the roads would be held out to the parties taking the government loan, and the support of foreign governments for the government loan would be secured by allowing the successful syndicate to furnish all the material and skilled labor needed for the railroads. Mr. Goodnow points out that under these conditions there will be no market for American railway material or labor unless Americans furnish the money to build the railways.

Merry and Smith In Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Chris Merry, charged with the murder of his wife, and James Smith, alleged accomplice of Merry, arrived in Chicago from Princeton, Ky., where they were arrested. This afternoon both men were confronted by Joseph Hickey, upon whose confession they were arrested, but they stoutly denied any knowledge of Mrs. Merry's death and were finally placed in jail pending an examination to-morrow.

Trying to Escape Hydrophobia.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20.—Professor Dolph A. Robinson of Guilford college, Guilford, N. C., is here to take the Pasteur treatment for threatened hydrophobia. He was bitten by a kitten on Nov. 9, and a boy who lived in Guilford was bitten by the same animal. The boy died of hydrophobia and Professor Robinson, becoming alarmed, came here in hope that the threatened danger might be averted.

Still Searching For Rev. Spurrier.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 20.—Experienced men dragged the Susquehanna river all day yesterday for the body of Rev. S. S. Spurrier, who, it is thought, either committed suicide or was murdered and thrown into the river. They found nothing whatever owing to the murky condition of the high water. The police are still hunting for clews to establish the man's fate, but have met with no success.

Tried to Rob Senator's Home.

LAUREL, Md., Dec. 20.—Burglars broke into the residence of Senator Gorman yesterday morning and were only prevented from making a haul by the watchfulness of the gardener. The latter was awakened, and, arming himself with a shotgun, he went to investigate and fired upon the intruders. The thieves fled without having secured any booty, but left no traces as to their identity.

Jewelry Company's Building Burned.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20.—A fire started in the basement of the building occupied by the Mermod & Jaccard Jewelry company at the corner of Locust street and Broadway yesterday morning, and in an almost incredibly short time the five-story building was completely gutted. The total loss reaches $335,000; fully covered by insurance. Several narrow escapes from death are reported.

German Cruisers Off Spithead.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The German cruisers Deutschland and Gefion arrived off Spithead last evening during a heavy fog. The Deutschland and Gefion are bound for Kiao Chau bay, China, as part of the German second cruiser division in those waters. Prince Henry of Prussia, the brother of the Emperor William, who is in command of the division, is on board the Deutschland, which is his flagship.

LIEBOLD CONVICTED.

Youth Found Guilty of Forging Millionaire's Name to Many Checks.

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 20.—William A. Liebold, the 18-year-old boy charged with forging the name of Charles B. Grubb, the millionaire ironmaster, to 67 checks, amounting to upward of $4,000, was found guilty in the criminal court. The trial began on Friday and testimony was heard until late Saturday night, and was notable because of the failure of the complainant to appear as a witness until compelled to by the court, and also because of sensational testimony of the young prisoner's sisters in his defense during the closing hours.

The jury retired at a late hour Saturday night, and yesterday morning, while people were on their way to church, brought in a verdict of guilty, with a recommendation to the mercy of the court. Liebold's counsel, Colonel B. Frank Eshleman, who is Governor Hastings' judge advocate general, made a motion in arrest of judgment, and it is not unlikely that an effort will be made to secure a new trial.

It is known Mr. Grubb did not desire a conviction and that his testimony was given reluctantly. The verdict, while expected by many, was a surprise to others, and Millionaire Grubb, it is believed, will lend his support to efforts to secure lenient treatment of the convicted youth on account of his past friendly relations with the sisters of Liebold. Meanwhile Liebold has been committed to jail.

THIRTEEN RESCUED.

A Number of the Cleveland's Sailors Saved From the Sea.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 20.—There is mingled joy and sadness on board the government cutter Quadra, which last Friday went out in search of the missing boats of the wrecked steamship Cleveland, and which returned yesterday to Alberni with 13 of the missing men. They are S. B. Durfee, first officer; Harry Malvin, third officer; R. P. O'Neill, first assistant engineer; E. Thomas, second engineer; Robert Isbister, carpenter; Peter Marin, seaman; Thomas McColl, seaman; Alfred Faulkner, seaman; John Harmon, fireman; David Crawley, fireman; C. H. Packer (or W. T. Boykin), pantryman; Frank Gerthan, passenger, and William Dietrick, passenger.

The boat of the second officer, Henderson, has neither been seen nor heard from since it left the vessel, and is now given up. It contained eight men. Two boats were recovered. Both had severe battles with the waves and wind, during which George Carillo, a waiter, in one boat, died. His body was dropped over the side.

The wreck is still resting easily and may be saved. The survivors are in Alberni, where they are being well treated.

WARNER EN ROUTE.

He Still Protests His Innocence of the Kidnaping of Little Johnny Conway.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 20.—A. S. Warner, who is charged with being one of the three men who kidnaped the 5-year-old son of John Conway of Albany, started back to New York for trial yesterday in the custody of J. O. Wood and Detective McCann.

Warner still protests his innocence, and says he intends to write a book giving his experience beating his way west, trying to elude the law. He says it will be as thrilling as a dime novel.

Warner told the officers of the local jail that he used to have a lucrative law practice and wrote the chapter on "Pleading and Practice in the Criminal Law" in one of the leading law encyclopedias. "And now look at me," he added.

Wore One Suit Twenty-five Years.

TROY, Dec. 20.—Surrogate Conway is considering the matter of appointing a guardian for the heirs of James Lundrigan, who died last week in abject squalor, although worth thousands of dollars. Lundrigan was one of the best known characters in South Troy. For a quarter of a century he had worn the same suit of clothes and the same hat. He looked like a miserable tramp; yet he owned valuable real estate and had a large sum of money on deposit. It is probable that there will be several suits over the property.

Millionaire's Big Donation.

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—W. C. McDonald, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer whose gifts to McGill university already aggregate nearly $3,000,000, has just given an additional $250,000 to the institution. Fifty thousand of this sum is to be used as an endowment in strengthening the law faculty and the remaining $200,000 is for the scientific department in the building for which his previous donations have been principally used.

Indian Courts Must Cease Operations.

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Dec. 20.—Judge Springer of the territorial supreme court has announced from the bench that any officers of the Indian tribal courts attempting to exercise official functions after Jan. 1 will be arrested. On the 1st of January by an act of congress the tribal courts cease to exist, but many of the Indian officeholders have threatened to ignore the law.

Suicide In Niagara River.

BUFFALO, Dec. 20.—With the anchor line of his rowboat securely fastened to his ankle, the body of John Wolf was found floating in the Niagara river opposite Grand island. It was obviously a case of suicide. It is said that Wolf's wife deserted him recently for another man.

Four Killed by Defective Locomotive.

REPTON, Ala., Dec. 20.—On the Bear creek logging road a locomotive exploded, killing the engineer, John O'Connor; the fireman, Jack Clipper, and two trainmen, John Johnson and Henry Vickery. The explosion was caused by a defective flue.

ANOTHER VAT STORY

Jury Ascribed Peter Doggett's Death to Accident.

RELATIVES CLAIM IT WAS MURDER.

Letter From Ireland Asserts a Man Is There Who Saw the Unfortunate Shoved Into a Dough Mixing Machine and Thus Killed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Circumstances pointing to a murder of unusual horror have been brought to the attention of District Attorney Olcott and Captain McClusky of the detective bureau, the alleged victim in the case having been Peter Doggett, 30 years old, who, if his relatives are justified in their stories, was thrown into a dough mixing vat at 427 West Fifteenth street on Aug. 28 last and literally cut to pieces.

Doggett's sister, the police have been told by her and her lawyer, has received a letter from her mother in Ireland in which the writer says the only witness of the crime is now there.

The letter, according to Mrs. Dean, an aunt of Doggett, with whom he lived at 41 Spring street, and according to the police, sets forth that this witness was in the factory of the New York Biscuit company, where Doggett was employed, on the morning of Aug. 28, and saw another man shove him into a mixing machine, the bottom of which was swept by flanges moving at high speed.

That Doggett was ground to pieces in the factory vat is known, but a coroner's jury on Nov. 15 last decided that his death was due to accident.

While the letter received from his mother in Ireland led Doggett's relatives here to visit the district attorney and allege murder, it is doubtful if any decisive step will be taken in regard to the man now under suspicion, although it is said that he is daily at work in the factory and has shown no symptoms of uneasiness since the coroner's jury stamped Doggett's death as accidental.

It is likely, however, that the witness referred to by Doggett's mother—the relatives here know him only as "Jack"—will be indicted as an accessory, on the ground that he assisted in concealing the crime and is a fugitive from justice.

This is the case where investigation by the district attorney's office, the coroner's office and the detective bureau gave rise a few days ago to a report that the authorities had in hand a murder mystery marked by the most unusual circumstances. Efforts to learn the nature of this mystery led to a revival of the story of Mrs. Hill's suicide—her relatives say it was murder—in the Colonnade hotel, and of other recent mysteries.

There is now no doubt, however, that whether or not Doggett's horrible death was a murder, it is the mysterious case referred to as occupying the attention of the district attorney, who refrained from making public the allegations of Doggett's sister and aunt and their counsel, Thomas P. Dinnean, because it was thought the already poor outlook for a successful prosecution would be made worse by publicity.

Pittsburg Wants G. A. R. Encampment.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 20.—The initial step toward securing the G. A. R. encampment for Pittsburg in 1900 has been taken by the Alleghany County G. A. R. association, and the plan will be agitated at the coming Cincinnati gathering. In connection with the encampment, if it should be held here, it is proposed to unveil a grand soldiers' monument to cost in the neighborhood of $500,000. It is believed by the veterans hereabouts that 1900 will be the last year for encampments. It is their ambition, therefore, to have the organization wind up its career in this city and at the same time take part in the dedication of the proposed grand memorial to the nation's dead.

Dr. Day's Obsequies.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20.—The body of the Rev. Dr. David A. Day, the distinguished missionary of the Lutheran church, who had served at Muhlenberg mission on the west coast of Africa for nearly 25 years, and who died on the steamship Lucania, was brought here yesterday. At a special meeting of the foreign board arrangements were made for a service in the First Lutheran church at Baltimore at 2 p. m. tomorrow, when prominent clergymen and laymen from all the large cities of the east are expected to be present. The interment will be made at Selins Grove, Pa., where services are expected to be held on Wednesday forenoon.

Charged With Changing Records.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—E. M. Gideon, the clerk of the general land office, was referred to by Thomas Reddington before the senate Pacific railroad committee as having changed the land office records so as to throw 5,000,000 acres of government land to the Northern Pacific road. He has made a clear denial of the charge.

Postmaster Won't Resign.

MOBILE, Dec. 20.—Second Assistant Postmaster General Shallenberger has come here to persuade Postmaster Rapier to surrender his office to the new appointee, Mr. Barker. Mr. Rapier told the Washington official that he would not give up the office unless forced to do so by the courts. He contends that under the law Mr. Barker is not postmaster until confirmed by the senate.

Gunboat Has a Rough Passage.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 20.—The United States gunboat Marietta has arrived here after a stormy passage from the north. Many of her staterooms were flooded and her rails bent and twisted from the force of the waves that had swept over her. So bad was the storm at one stage that it became necessary to put out a sea anchor, in spite of which she drifted over 240 miles.

JAMES DAY SPEAKS.

The Affairs of Mrs. Peck and Syracuse University.

CHANCELLOR'S STATEMENT OF CASE.

Denies Allegations That the Trustees Treated the Bishop's Widow Harshly, and Says She Had Received More Than Was Really Due.

SYRACUSE, Dec. 20.—A great many sensational reports have been circulated recently charging gross neglect of the widow of the late Bishop Peck by Syracuse university, the beneficiary of his property. Chancellor James R. Day, on account of these reports, has prepared an official statement of the facts concerning the matter.

The statement by the chancellor is as follows:

"The facts concerning the estate of Bishop Peck and the university are these: Bishop and Mrs. Peck gave their estate to the university and received certain leases, agreements, etc., from

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the university expressing and defining the university's obligations to them.

"Neither the bishop nor Mrs. Peck at any time communicated to the chancellor or trustees the slightest grievance with the university or made any request to have any extension or more generous interpretation whatever made of the terms settled upon by them and the trustees.

"Mrs. Peck repeatedly had said to a prominent lady of the community who was her confidential friend that she had no cause for complaint against the university and that all of her wants were provided for in the moneys she received from different sources, and that she was never without money in the bank, which had been placed there by the bishop to meet any emergency. She had considerable sums of money loaned in this city, the interest of which she had not used.

"Everything done in Mrs. Peck's case has been done upon advice of the attorney of the university and by the unanimous approval of the trustees at their regular meeting.

"The man Rockwell who makes the attack upon the university, it must be remembered, was an inmate of Mrs. Peck's home and was personally interested in these moneys in dispute, as all know who are intimate with the case.

"The property in California was sold after a representation which came to the university that it was Mrs. Peck's wish. The university is accused by Rockwell of selling this land for its own use. What use did it make of it? No one ever has denied that the money was paid her and that she received $1,125 more than the agreement gave her or she expected."

In conclusion the chancellor makes this proposal:

"The trustees meet on Jan. 18. I propose that Mr. Rockwell and any other party, a complainant in this case of the Peck estate, come before the trustees and state their grievance. They shall have a fair and courteous hearing and every facility to substantiate the charge that there has been any violation of its obligation upon the part of the university or its chancellor. They shall take the consequences of a failure to support their calumnies. We challenge and demand from those who assume to criticise the university the most searching examination of our present business methods and our treatment of our benefactors, from none of whom has there ever come a complaint."

Studies Will Go on as Usual.

EASTON, Pa., Dec. 20.—President Warfield of Lafayette college and the local members of the board of trustees have made arrangements for continuing the different courses of study disturbed by the burning of Pardee hall on Saturday. President Hallenbach of the board has instructed Dr. Warfield to make all necessary arrangements for temporary relief and to call a meeting of the trustees to arrange for rebuilding the structure without unnecessary delay. Among the property saved by the students have been found Dr. T. C. Porter's Pennsylvania flora and the new instruments lately added to the department of geology.

Another Blaze at Grand Forks.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., Dec. 20.—The business portion of this city was threatened by another fire last night, which might have been more destructive than the recent one, when the Hotel Dakotah, the Mercantile company and Nash Bros.' buildings were burned. Shortly after 6 o'clock smoke was seen issuing from the first floor of the big department store of Benner & Beggs, and in less than 15 minutes the building was in flames and the fire had crept into buildings adjoining. After three hours' hard work the fire was subdued. The damage to the building and stock of Benner & Beggs will be $55,000. Losses to the other firms will be small.

Sir Frank Lockwood Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Sir Frank Lockwood, Liberal member of parliament for York City since 1885, is dead. Sir Frank Lockwood accompanied Baron Russell of Killowen, lord chief justice of England, when the latter went to the United States in the summer of 1896 to address the American Bar association at Saratoga.

BIDS GAGE TO HALT.

Letter of Warning From Senator Chandler of New Hampshire.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Senator Chandler of New Hampshire has written a letter to a Washington paper in which he says:

"If the secretary of the treasury and his single gold standard associates will cease their demand for impossible currency legislation congress will pass the necessary appropriation bills, probably take care of Hawaii and Cuba, there will not be a serious party division during this session and there will be an adjournment in May.

"Business will revive, the treasury receipts will equal the expenditures, the balance of trade will continue in our favor and the Republican party will in November, 1898, elect a majority of the house in the fifty-fifth congress.

"On the other hand, if Secretary Gage continues to press upon congress a bill the object of which he says is 'first to commit the country more thoroughly to the gold standard,' and the immediate effect of which is to throw doubts upon the sincerity of the president's declaration in favor of continued efforts to secure bimetallism, a political turmoil will arise in congress which will split the now united Republicans into fragments, while it will unite and consolidate the now incongruous opposition."

WRECKED IN ILLINOIS.

Train Hands and Passengers More or Less Injured In Rear End Collision.

PONTIAC, Ills., Dec. 20.—An open switch on the Chicago and Alton railway was the cause of a collision yesterday afternoon between the St. Louis limited passenger and a freight train on the side track. The brakeman whose duty it was to close the switch was unable to move it. The passenger train was approaching. He jumped on the track and signaled for it to stop. The engineer applied the air brakes and reversed the engine, but it was too late, and the passenger went crashing into the freight. The seriously injured:

J. C. Busher, Boswell, Ind., trainman, arm broken and badly bruised about the head and face; J. W. Jones, Peoria, engineer, injured internally; John White, Bloomington, fireman, injured internally; L. J. Sutton, Chicago, baggageman, slight bruises; A. G. Haines, Atlanta, Ills., passenger, bruised; Miss Minnie Countryman, Pontiac, Ills., passenger, cut and bruised.

The two engines and two freight cars were total wrecks. The damage to the other cars can be easily repaired. The combination baggage and mail car was derailed and had to be left here, the mail and baggage being transferred to another car. The passenger train was delayed about three hours.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Washington Hesing, the well known Chicago politician, is dead.

Mrs. Ballington Booth, previously reported ill, is much improved.

Count and Countess Castellane have purchased a magnificent Italian palace.

Dr. Elijah J. Bond is under arrest at New Haven charged with performing a criminal operation.

Mrs. Mary E. Lease announces that she hopes to run for congress on the Populist ticket in Kansas.

A Russian squadron is occupying Port Arthur, on the Chinese coast, with the consent of the Mongolian government.

Samuel Gompers has been re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor and Kansas City chosen as the next meeting place.

The trial of the arrested members and former members of the French chamber of deputies in connection with the Panama scandal has begun.

Lieutenant Governor Woodruff of New York state suggests Senator Frank Higgins of Chautauqua county to succeed the late Senator Mullin as chairman of the finance committee.

John Daly In New Haven.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 20.—John Daly, the recently released Irish political prisoner, was given an ovation in this city last evening. The Grand Opera House, in which he spoke, was taxed to its utmost, and hundreds were unable to gain admission. Mayor Farnsworth presided, and almost every prominent Irish citizen of New Haven was present on the platform or in the boxes. Among those on the platform were Colonel John Healy, who was in prison with Mr. Daly for a short time in Limerick in 1867, and Captain Lawrence O'Brien, who escaped from Clonmel jail in the same year. Mr. John Devoy of New York, another ex-political prisoner, was also present and delivered an address after Mr. Daly. Mr. Daly's speech was a forcible arraignment of the brutalities inflicted by England on her Irish prisoners of war.

Say Cottell Was Wrongly Convicted.

AKRON, O., Dec. 20.—The lawyers of Romie Cottell, the boy who was sentenced to the penitentiary for life about a year ago for killing Alvin Stone, his wife and hired man, say the boy was wrongly convicted. They assert that a confession was extorted by the detective from the boy, who, according to experts, was irresponsible. The lawyers say they know the real murderer and have almost enough evidence to convict him. They promise to cause his arrest soon.

Brazil and Italy Come to Terms.

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 20.—The Brazilian and Italian governments have signed an agreement settling the incident of the killing of the Italians at Espirito Santo last month. Italy admits that there was no cause for diplomatic intervention.

More Provisions For Gold Hunters.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 20.—The Portland Chamber of Commerce, through Brigadier General Merriam, commander of the department of the Columbia, has tendered to the government 1,000 tons of provisions for the relief of the Yukon miners.

ARANGUREN IS DEAD

Rebel Leader Executed With the Spaniard Ruiz.

CONFIRMATORY NEWS NOW RECEIVED

Dispatch to Minister De Lome Says That the Cuban Sherman Was Slain With the Envoy of Blanco by Order of Alexander Rodriguez.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Official confirmation has been received here of the killing of Colonel Joaquin Ruiz, General Blanco's peace envoy, with the further information that the rebel colonel, Nestor Aranguren, was killed at the same time. These advices were contained in this cable dispatch from Secretary General Congosto, received by Minister De Lome last night:

"News just received permits us to affirm that Ruiz was shot with Aranguren, the rebel general. They were both shot by order of Alexander Rodriguez. Ruiz left Havana on Monday to meet Aranguren without official mission and only as a friend, and after several letters had been exchanged between them. It is not known how Rodriguez arrived, but it is a fact that he ordered the execution of both.

"The ferocity of such act in the face of autonomy demonstrates better than anything else that the insurgents are obliged to resort to terror to prevent the disbanding of their forces. Such is the opinion of the public, which qualifies such conduct as unworthy of savages."

Minister De Lome, in commenting on this dispatch, said that it illustrated the desperate straits of the insurgents. What has just happened, he said, is almost an exact repetition of what occurred just before the close of the last 10 years' war. Spanish peace commissioners were then killed in much the same way by orders of General Gomez, the present Cuban leader.

The Spanish minister asserts that the killing of Colonel Aranguren was due to the attitude he had taken in favor of accepting autonomy. Mr. De Lome says he has known for some time that Colonel Aranguren was willing and anxious to accept the new autonomy, and it was on account of his views in this respect that Colonel Ruiz went out to meet him. This was done by Colonel Ruiz in the hope that other rebel leaders could be made to understand that it was to their interest to negotiate for peace.

In the opinion of state department authorities, the executions of Colonel Ruiz and Colonel Aranguren will have a deterrent effect upon some of the public men who have been disposed to sympathize with the cause of the insurgents.

Nestor Aranguren was born in Havana 24 years ago. His father was Benito Aranguren, a merchant, who at one time was wealthy. His parents belong to the best families of Cuba. He joined the insurgents in the summer of 1896, and immediately won promotion by his daring and bravery. He has been called the Cuban Sheridan. He was promoted to the rank of captain in less than a week.

Aranguren once made a brilliant though unsuccessful attempt to capture General Weyler. The general was with a column near Gopaste. The insurgents had ambushed him. They betrayed their presence by the accidental discharge of a gun. They charged, however, and most of General Weyler's bodyguard were severely wounded before the insurgents were repulsed.

Spain Not Perturbed.

MADRID, Dec. 20.—An official note says that the dispatch of an American squadron to the gulf of Mexico has not made a bad impression here, as the government is aware that in the present season the Gulf of Mexico is the only sea where naval maneuvers are possible, and that these winter maneuvers have not occurred for two years past on account of a desire to avoid wounding Spanish susceptibilities.

To Give Spain a Respite.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Madrid correspondent of The Standard says: "Senor de Lome has cabled the government that the American government expects to command a sufficient majority in the house of representatives to check all military motions until the summer recess in July next, thus securing Spain a respite of fully a year."

A Premier Sues For Libel.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 20.—The Hon. Mr. Turner, premier, and the Hon. Mr. Pooley, the president of the executive council for British Columbia, have entered a criminal action for libel against Hewitt Bostock, M. P., Manager Coltart and Editor Nichol of The Province Newspaper and Senator Templeman of The Times. The charge is based on an article in The Province, copied by The Times, criticising the two ministers for their connection in an official capacity with Klondike companies. The case comes up in the police court tomorrow.

Smallpox on the Steamer Edam.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The Holland-American line steamer Edam, from Amsterdam and Boulogne, was held at quarantine owing to a case of smallpox among her steerage passengers. The patient is a child of Hungarian parents. She was removed to North Brother island. The steerage passengers will be detained for 14 days, and a number will also be vaccinated. The ship was disinfected and proceeded to her dock at Hoboken. The Edam has 277 steerage passengers, but no cabin passengers.

Glass Blowers Made Happy.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 20.—Notices are posted in the majority of the 40 lamp chimney factories of the country that instead of the usual two weeks' shutdown there will be only one day of idleness (Christmas) during the holidays this year. The extra work means thousands of dollars in wages to the workmen.

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OLDEST LIVING WOMAN.

Mrs. Anne Armstrong Believed to Deserve That Distinction.

In the year 1781, when Lord Cornwallis began in joy and ended in disaster his campaign in Virginia against the American colonists, there was born at Fermanagh, Ireland, a girl baby who, living yet, at the age of 116 years, is believed to be the oldest person in the world. While that baby was still in arms Lafayette and Washington were marshalling their forces to check the victorious march of Cornwallis through Virginia, and on October 19 of that year Lord Cornwallis surrendered his army at Yorktown, and the independence of what is now the United States of America was assured.

MRS. ANNE ARMSTRONG.
(Believed to Be the Oldest Living Woman.)

That girl-child whose life began almost with that of the United States is Mrs. Anne Armstrong, now of county Clare, Ireland. She grew up in Fermanagh and married there. Her husband was a member of the royal constabulary. When she was 26 years old she and her husband moved to Miltown Malbay, in county Clare. That was 90 years ago. In a little thatched cottage at Spanish Point, just outside Miltown Malbay, Mrs. Armstrong lives, all alone, waiting for the time when she shall be called to join those who were dear to her, who died years and years ago.

The days that she has lived through have been fraught with the most wonderful events of the world's history, but the particular period that impressed its events most firmly upon Mrs. Armstrong's memory was that of the great Irish rebellion of 1798, when she was a lass of 17. She tells still of how Irishmen were hanged or shot or imprisoned without trials and of the reign of terror which held for years.

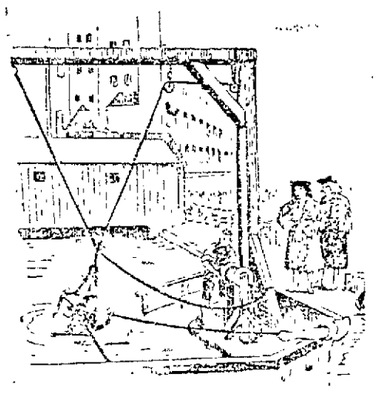
Mrs. Armstrong is still able to walk and to care for herself and her little cottage by the aid which her kindly neighbors give her. She is thin and slightly deaf, but her sight is good and her memory clear. Her dress is simple, but a cap and apron of snowy whiteness are always parts of it. Her habits are also simple. At four or five o'clock each afternoon her day is finished, and she locks her cottage door and retires for the night.

DISHONEST BAKERS.

How They Were Punished in Germany in the Good Old Days.

Those bakers who give underweight bread or overcharge for it should bless their stars that they are not in medieval Germany. In the middle ages the cheating baker's lot was not a happy one, especially in the south of Germany. In Munich a case of "baker's ducking" is recorded as late as 1810. To this day the instrument of torture with illustration is still exhibited in the Bavarian national museum of Munich.

The law requires that the bread loaves should not be below the prescribed weight, and that the flour of the bread and cakes should not be adulterated.



MEDIEVAL JUSTICE
(How Cheating Bakers Were Ducked in the Old Times.)

A fine or imprisonment and fine followed the first or even the second offense, but woe to the habitual deceiver! In case the complaints came in thick and fast the incorrigible defier of the law was condemned by the judges to the "Schlenke." The schlenke was a coarse affair made of rough oak twigs in the shape of a cage, which was suspended from heavy horizontal beams over the village millpond. Imprisoned in this cage the bad baker was ducked several times and held under the water almost long enough to make him lose consciousness. The crowds that gathered to see these tortures usually clamored for more punishment, and to please them the judges were frequently compelled to order a few extra duckings.

Heated by Electricity.

One of the London theaters is heated by electricity. The first cost of the plant is not less than that of any other heating system, but the running expenses are very low, amounting to only 16 shillings a day.

Natural History Study.

The authorities of the Kansas university dismissed all the natural history classes on a cross day recently to enable the students to study the animals.

NO MACKINTOSH.

Contrary Effects of the Absence of One on a Friend of Col. Calliper.

"I knew a man once," said Col. Calliper, according to the New York Sun, "a young man who had everything that heart could wish for, who, notwithstanding that fact, was a pretty sane and sensible sort of young man, but who, nevertheless, did at times, in his younger days, before he had learned the philosophy of life, occasionally have periods of depression. In one of these on his way home once from Europe he came to the conclusion that life wasn't worth living, and he made up his mind to end it all right there by jumping overboard. As he looked over the rail and realized how wet the water was, and how much there was of it, he knew that he ought not to go out in it without a mackintosh.

"Going below he discovered that he had neglected to bring one. On this occasion of all others when he wanted one most he had none. But he couldn't think of encountering the wet inappropriately clad, and so he deferred jumping overboard until he could do so in proper form. Next morning, with the resiliency of youth, he was feeling better, and he arrived in New York buoyant, hopeful and strong.

"And, curiously enough, while in other respects he remained as punctilious as ever about his dress, he never after that wore a mackintosh; and he went out in all sorts of weather without hesitation. It was his carelessness in this regard that led finally to death. Out without a mackintosh in a heavy rain at the age of 97 he caught a cold that settled on his lungs, developed into pneumonia and carried him off, and so it may be said of my friend that he owed his long life, and his death, to the same cause."

HOW HE VOTED.

Character Who Had a Way for Circumventing Inspectors.

Citizens of the Second district of the Fourth ward, says the Rochester (N. Y.) Democrat and Chronicle, are having considerable fun with a well-known character of the vicinity who developed a novel idea of the blanket ballot system of voting, on election day. For the purposes of this narrative the character may be called Tom. He was given a ballot by the election officers, and retired into one of the compartments to make his little cross marks. After remaining in the booth for a time Tom emerged with a self-satisfied air, but empty handed.

"Where's your ballot?" asked an election officer.

"Oh, that's all right," replied Tom. "I put it in there all right."

"You haven't voted yet: go back and get your ballot."

"Yes, I have; you can't fool me; I voted it in there; you can't get a sight at my vote."

After a little more argument on the same line an investigation was begun, which resulted in the discovery that Tom had carefully marked his ballot to his own satisfaction, folded it up and slipped it through a crack in the back of the booth. From there it had slipped down into a pile of agricultural implements stored in the place, and it was with no little labor and some difficulty that it was "fished" out and returned to the would-be voter who, much against his will, was obliged to permit the inspectors to handle it before it was deposited in the box.

KNOWS THE BIBLE BY HEART.

Deaf and Blind Colored Boy Who Can Quote Scripture Correctly.

"While visiting an old friend on the Tennessee river, near where Shannon's creek empties in the larger stream, not long since," said a country minister, reports the Louisville Post, "I saw a negro lad of 12 who is as great a wonder to me as Helen Kelar, the world famous blind girl and deaf mute. He lives in a typical Kentucky backwoods community, and has had no advantages. My friend asked me if I would like to see the youth, and I assured him I would. We went to the child's home, if the little hut might be termed home, and before I left it I opened my eyes wide in astonishment. The boy was born deaf and blind, and with one arm. He was for years, while a mere tot, called 'the freak,' by the negroes who unfeelingly poked fun at the unfortunate. This child was given a raised letter Bible by an old nomadic missionary, who happened to see the pickaninny while preaching to the negroes and from it the boy learned every chapter in the Bible. He can quote any verse in the Scriptures and do it quickly. He spends every hour of his time in studying God's Word, and says he is going to teach the blind children of his race. The lad's name is Harry William Balaam Freeman, and he is a good-looking mulatto. I am going to get some friends of mine to join me in a collection to be sent the boy to further his studies. His mother works in the field, and his father is a steamboat roustabout."

Salmon and Whisky.

Salmon fishing has been very poor on the river Spey this season, owing, it seems, to the whisky refuse from the distilleries on the banks. Anglers assert that the refuse kills or drives away the fish, while the distillers say that the salmon is hungry for it and thrive on it. For either cause, however, the salmon will no longer touch the flies.

Swiss Exposition.

Last year's Swiss exposition at Geneva lasted six months, and during all that time there were only 35 days when it did not rain. The result was a deficit of $150,000, which the city paid.

An Old Beverage.

Next to our grape wine it is believed that Japanese sake, or rice wine, is the oldest alcoholic beverage known to man, its use in Japan dating back over 2,000 years.

COTTOLENE

is a combination of two pure natural products—choice beef suet and refined cotton-seed oil, as pure and golden as the southern sunshine which produces it—making a shortening and frying fat unequaled in healthfulness, cleanliness, flavor and digestible qualities. Endorsed by eminent physicians, recommended by cooking experts, used by thousands of discriminating housewives in preference to lard and other cooking fats. Once tried, always used.

The genuine is sold everywhere in one to ten pound yellow tins, with our trade-marks, "*Cottolene*" and *steer's head in cotton-plant wreath*—on every tin. Not guaranteed if sold in any other way. Made only by

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TOMPKINS' NEW DRY GOODS STORE,

Nos 6-8 East Main Street, Middletown.

From Now Until Christmas Day, Grand Sale of Toys and Holiday Gifts for All.

Our store in its Holiday Dress is like a glimpse of Faryland. Magnificent display and tempting novelties attract the eye of the visitor. Holiday gifts are grouped in rich assortments all over the place, with immense assortments of stock, extra salespeople, everything to make holiday shopping with us a comfort as well as an economy, has been done. We point with pride to our splendid selections of goods suitable for Holiday Gifts for young and old, and to the alluring low prices at which we are able to sell them.

DOLLS.

A Beauty Show—

Our Doll Exhibit is incomparably superior to any expectation you may have formed from what you see elsewhere.

Dressed Dolls and Dolls to Dress

of all nativities and complexions. No description can do them justice. All should come and see them. Note these prices, much lower than elsewhere. Here are a few price hints:

500 China Dolls Each 3c.

12c China Dolls each 7c, 25c Dressed Dolls each 15c, 50c Kid Body Dolls, bisque head and flowing hair, each 35c; 50c Dressed Dolls each 35c, $1 Dressed Dolls and Kid Body Dolls each 75c.

One Thing

We want to say here. While we have a reasonably large quantity of everything advertised here, we do not guarantee every lot to last until Christmas. The early comer will find everything advertised here.

TOYS.

The Most Substantial Toys for Children

are those made of Malleable Iron. At Tompkins' you will buy them much lower than elsewhere—Toy Scales 10 and 13c., worth 15 to 25c. Tin Stoves, with furniture, 5 and 10c., worth 10 and 15c. Tin Kitchen, with furniture, 19 and 25c. Iron Wagon and Horse, value 39c., at 25c. Fire Engine, Horse and Driver, value 35c., at 19c. Big Iron State Banks 25 and 45c. Iron Banks 25 and 45c. A few very large ones $1.50. Big Iron Wagons 19c. Iron Passenger Trains, 10c size, 5c. Iron Surrey, with horse 25c. Iron Coal Carts, with driver, 19c. Iron Coal Carts 10c. Big Hook and Ladder or Fire Engine, with horses and fireman, a regular $1 60 toy, at 85c.

Other Toys.

Doll Cradles, large ones, 10, 15, 25c. Black boards 25, 35c; with changeable figures 75c. Tool chests 35, 50c and higher. Wooden Hay Carts, with handles, 10c. Boys' Coasting Sleighs 10 and 25c. Toy Wheelbarrows 10c. Doll Swings 15c. Nine Pins, per set, 19, 35, 65c. Babies' Rattles, Boys' Tops, Trumpets, Childs' Sets, consisting of knife, fork and spoon, 10 and 15c a set. Shoo Fly Baby's Rocking Horses, the kind that cannot fall over, 75c. Card Games of all kinds 5 and 10c. China Tea Sets, nicely decorated and put up in strong box, 25c. Drums, the flat, tall, wood or ass, all prices. Toy Pianos in every style.

How Beautiful the Store Looks in Its Holiday Attire.

Every section trimmed up to look its prettiest. Everywhere you chance to glance something new. A stroll through the store will prove an hour's enjoyable entertainment.

A Great Handkerchief Sale.

It was said of a great physician, by one of his patients: "He always attends to my case as if he had only one case to think of." We aim to sell Handkerchiefs as if we sold nothing else, and we don't know of another handkerchief store in Middletown like this one. In holiday time Handkerchiefs prevade the whole store at prices astonishing low.

At 3c Each.

200 dozen colored border, hem stitched Handkerchiefs.

At 5c Each.

Embroidered, plain hem stitched and lace edge Handkerchiefs.

At 10c Each.

Fine plain white, hem stitched beautiful Swiss embroidered and men's or ladies' initial Handkerchiefs.

At 12½c Each.

Ladies' elegant fine Swiss embroidered, men's imitation silk, initialed Handkerchiefs.

At 15c Each.

Ladies' fine initialed hem stitched Handkerchiefs, ladies' silk, hem stitched Handkerchiefs, ladies' fine swiss embroidered Handkerchiefs.

At 25c Each.

Ladies' very fine embroidered Handkerchiefs, worth 35c.

At 49c Each.

Ladies' all linen beautiful embroidered Handkerchiefs, men's silk initialed Handkerchiefs, beautiful goods and worth 75c each.

Christmas Gloves.

You've heard of the old lady who knit mittens and said she lost on every pair. How could she do it? Couldn't, she said, on any that she sold so many. That's not far from true with our Christmas Gloves.

Child's Kid Mittens.

Nicely hued fur tops, 50c a pair.

Ladies' Fine Kid Gloves

or Mittens, lined, fur tops, $1 a pair.

Ladies' Fine Silk Mittens

$1 66.

Holiday Umbrellas.

A most suitable Christmas present. Nowhere can you buy them at these prices. Umbrellas with fancy Congo, Wexel Celluloid and Dresden handles $1 50, $1 98, $2 50 and $3 98 each.

Silks and Dress Goods.

A standard holiday gift for ladies. The one thing that you cannot make a mistake on, for there isn't a woman in the land who would not appreciate a handsome new dress. Tompkins' Silk and Dress Goods Department is resplendent with beautiful goods, and the prices throughout are very much lower than goods of equal excellence can be bought elsewhere.

Ladies' Fine Jackets.

It is usual to wait until after the holidays to mark down prices of Jackets. Every jacket we have must be sold this season, so we have made a reason-on price right now. If you need a jacket yourself or think of making a Christmas present of one, you will get it at Tompkins' at the usual after holiday price now. The extraordinary lot of jackets consists in part of the following fine goods.

Double Breasted Fly Front Coats

of rich curly Bouclé, fastened high at neck, rolling storm collar, tailor back, half lined with silk serge. Ladies' fine imported black Jersey Cloth Jackets, all satin lined, strapped seams, fly or high buttoned fronts, new style storm collar, all sizes 32 to 44.

Misses' Reefer Jackets.

Several styles nicely made with wide sailor collars.

Holiday Books.

One lot Cloth Bound Books, many different titles, at 10c each. ANOTHER LOT CLOTH BOUND BOOKS, 25c elsewhere, at Tompkins' 15c each.

Cups and Saucers.

We made a lucky purchase of a lot of Cups and Saucers, all fine goods, nicely decorated. Monday we start to sell these goods at half regular price. Worth 20c at 10c., worth 35c at 15c., worth 50c at 25c. Fine Gilt Plates 10c each.

Table Covers and Curtains.

A Table Cover is like your hat, or nose or front door, it is the prominent feature that dominates the surroundings. These make useful Christmas presents.

Chenille Table Covers

75, 98c and $1.25 each.

Fine Damask Linen Table Covers

Figured, $1, $1.50 and $1.75, according to size.

Chenille Portiere Curtains

$1.98 and $2 98 per pair.

Blankets.

Continuation sale of the largest and most attractive Blanket stock in this city. Entire stock direct from the mills, no intermediate costs or profits. We start at 35c a pair for a fair article this lot is slightly imperfect; then 75c, and offer at 98c a blanket that has positively not been equalled for less than $1.25. $2 Blanket for $1 50. $2.50 Blanket for $1 98. $3 Blanket at $2 25, $3 75 Blanket at $2 98, 10/4 Blanket, strictly all wool warp and full size, finished both sides, $3 98 a pair.

Fine California Wool Blankets

$4 98, $6.50 and $7.75 a pair.

REMEMBER THE LOCATION,

Nos. 6-8 EAST MAIN STREET.

SEE

What the Largest Dry Goods House in the City Says About TRADING STAMPS!

Weller & Demerest, No. 3 West Main St.,
Middletown, Dec. 15, 1897.

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in
Dry Goods, Specialties,
Cloaks and Dress Goods.

Edward Nolan, Mgr. Middletown Trading Stamp Co.

Dear Sir: Trading Stamps are as good as GOLD. WELLER & DEMEREST.

Trading Stamps are a cash discount given by enterprising merchants that want your trade **Always Ask for Them.** We have stores in all the leading cities of the country. Our stamps are interchangeable, and will be redeemed at any of our stores

COUPON--GOOD FOR TEN TRADING STAMPS
If presented at our store with Stamp Book on or before Dec. 22 '97
ONLY ONE COUPON REDEEMED FROM SAME PERSON.
Middletown Trading Stamp Co., No. 5 North Street.
EDWARD NOLAN, Manager.

We are the originators of the Trading Stamp system, and have over $500,000 invested, and are HERE TO STAY.

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EDWARD NOLAN, Manager. Buy of Merchants Only That Give You Trading Stamps.

MIDDLETOWN TIME TABLES.

Erie Railroad Co.

Trains leave from Middletown Stations, beginning Nov. 28, 1897, and continuing until further notice, as follows:

Trains marked with * run daily. Trains Nos 601, 625, 606, 617, 629 and run Sundays only. All other trains daily except Sunday. †Train Nos. 1 & 4 will stop only for passengers for Binghamton or west thereof—due notification must be given at the ticket office. Trains with the following letters affixed indicate connection, viz.: "G" with Newburg Branch via Greycourt; "P" with Newburg Short-cut Branch via Turners; "A" with Newburgh short cut via Arden "M" with Montgomery Branch, and "P" with Pine Island Branch.

GOING EAST.

Nos	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 12 Chicago Ex.	4 09 a.m.	
* 10 New York Special	6 01 "	
26 Middletown Way	6 30 "	....6.53 a.m
16 Orange Co. Ex., G.M.	7 10 "	....7.12 "
28 Mountain Ex., T	8 23 "	... 8.25 "
38 Del. Val. Ex. (M. P. G.)	10 48 "	
* 6 W. Mail, (G. exc't Su)	12.55 p.m.	...12.57 p.m
30 Way, A. M. P. G.	4.10 "	...4.12 "
* 2 C. & G. T. Ex. "A"	5.00 "	
* 8 C. & St. L. Limited,	5.53 "	
22 P. J. Local T.	7.26 "	...7.28
* 14 Wells Fargo Express	10 40 "	
606 P. J. Local (Sun only) M. P. and G. T.	8.23 a.m.	
620 P. J. Local (Su only) "G"	5.08 p.m.	
18 Milk (Sunday only)	6.55 p.m.	

GOING WEST

Nos.	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 17 Milk	6.47 a.m.	
27 Port Jervis Way	10 36 "	....10.38 a.m
* 1 Day Express	10.56 "	
9 Corning Express	11.25 "	
11 Port Jervis Local	1.04 p.m.	.... 1.01 p.m
33 Port Jervis Exp.	3.40 "	.... 3.37 "
†* 5 C. & St. L. Exp.	4.16 "	
37 Mountain Exp.	5 42 "	.... 5.38 "
15 Orange Co. Exp.	6.46 "	.... 6.41 "
25 Middletown Way ar.	8.05 "	.... 8.02 "
* 7 C. & G. T. Exp.	9.34 "	
29 Way	9.13 "	
* 3 Chicago Exp.	11.12 "	
601 Sunday Local	10 38 a.m.	
625 P. J. Way (Sun only)	3.08 p.m.	
617 " " "	10 22 "	

Passenger trains for Middletown leave foot of Chamber street, New York, at *4.00, 7.45, 9.15, 10.20 a.m.; 1.00, 3.30, 4.20, 5.30, 6.30, *7.30, *8.45 p.m. Also additional Sunday trains at 7.45, a.m. 12.30 and 7.30 p.m.

Crawford Branch.

GOING NORTH.

No	Leave for	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
101	Pine Bush Mail	11 35 a.m.	.....11.40 a.m
*115	" " "	.....	.....6.55 p.m
601	Sun. only	11 00	.....11.10 a.m

COMING SOUTH

*128	Arrive from Pine Bush	.....8.16 a.m
*130	" " "	.....5.40 p.m

N. Y., O. & W. R. R.

NORTH.

Trains leave Wickham avenue depot, Middletown as follows:

No. 9 First Milk	7.45 a.m
No. 11 Second Milk	8.45 a.m
No. 1 Ontario Express	10.56 a.m
No. 7 Sullivan County Express	6.15 p.m
No. 5 Pacific Express	8.45 p.m
No. 21 Local	11.00 a.m

SOUTH.

Trains leave Wickham avenue depot for New York as follows:

No. 8 Mountain Express	8.10 a.m
No. 22 Local	2.30 p.m
No. 2 New York Express	4.30 p.m
No. 12 First Milk	6.00 p.m
No. 10 Second Milk	7.25 p.m
No. 6 Atlantic Express	6.43 p.m

Trains leave New York at 8.10 and 7.40 a.m., 2.00 and 6.00 p.m.

J. C. ANDERSON, Pass. Agt.

N. Y., S. & W. R. R.

In effect Nov 29th, '97.

NORTH

New York Ferries	Daily a m	Daily ex Sun p m	Sun p m
West 23d St	8 10	.....	2 50
Cortlandt and Desbrosses St	8 30	.....	4 10
Jersey City	8 40	.....	4 25
Hackensack	9 14	.....	4 56
Paterson (Broadway)	9 25	.....	5 02
Paterson	9 29	.....	5 04
Two Bridges	10 55	2 50	6 30
Ogdensburg	11 07	3 05	6 40
Franklin	11 12	3 15	6 48
Hamburg	11 20	3 25	6 54
Deckertown	11 28	3 40	7 03
Quarryville	11 36	3 52	7 10
Unionville	11 41	4 04	7 18
Westtown	11 46	4 15	7 24
Johnson	11 55	4 27	7 29
Slate Hill	12 00	4 37	7 34
Middletown	12 12	4 50	7 45

SOUTH

	Daily ex Sun a m	Sun a m	Daily p m
Middletown	5 30	7 12	5 04
Slate Hill	5 42	7 27	5 15
Johnson	6 45	7 35	5 21
Westtown	6 53	7 43	5 27
Unionville	6 59	7 55	5 34
Quarryville	7 06	8 07	5 42
Deckertown	7 14	8 30	5 51
Hamburg	7 22	8 46	6 06
Franklin Junction	7 27	.....	.....
Franklin	7 29	8 56	6 07
Ogdensburg	7 34	9 06	6 12
Two Bridges	7 51	9 27	6 28
Paterson City	9 03	.....	7 45
Paterson (Broadway)	9 07	10 26	7 49
Hackensack	9 16	10 47	8 01
Jersey City	9 28	11 12	8 27
New York Ferries			
Cortlandt and Desbrosses St.	9 53	11 23	8 38
West 23d street	10 15	11 45	9 20

†—Stop on signal.

Your Watch Needs Cleaning!

We have no doubt it does. Nine out of every ten Watches that fail to give their owners satisfaction need cleaning and oiling. Sometimes the owner neglects it too long and the result is worn pivots and general debility on the part of the watch.

A GOOD WATCH IS THE CHEAPEST in the LONG RUN,

and if it is carefully cleaned and oiled once a year, it will last a lifetime, yes, a hundred years. Such a watch is a source of satisfaction to its owner. He can meet an engagement or catch a train and never have to excuse himself with—my Watch must be slow.

Watches Examined, Regulated and Set Free of Charge.

Visitors are always welcome.

CHAS. J. GIERING, JEWELER,
NO. 7 NORTH ST., MIDDLETOWN

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40 ORANGE CO. FARMS.

All sizes and prices, and in various sections of the county. Some very decided bargains, and some of the best farms in the county. Free descriptive catalogues on application at office or by mail. Owners anxious to sell always employ a broker, hence you are more likely to secure a bargain at my agency; anyway you have a large list to select from, and should you want a House and Lot or other property in the beautiful and thrifty city of Middletown, at a genuine bargain, apply at my office. Correspondence solicited.

A. V. BOAK,
Real Estate Broker. 35 North St.

"POTTY."

C. H. Worcester Repairs Everything

Bicycles, Sewing Machines, Lawn Mowers, Umbrellas, Boilers, Steam, Water and Gas Pipes, Pumps, Sharpens Scissors, Knives, Saws, etc., EVERYTHING.
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DEVIL'S AUCTION!

The Grand Christmas Pantomime

50—PEOPLE—50

SEE the Beautiful Ballets. the Grand Scenery. the Funny Chorus. the Wonderful Phauts Bros. the Bashful Maidens. the Shy Old Maids. the Biggest and Best Show You Ever Saw for the Money.

SEE

Prices $1, 75, 50, 35, 25c.

Casino Theatre

X-Mas Night, Saturday, Dec. 25th.

Gotthold's Gigantic Gathering OF CAREFULLY CHOSEN CELEBRITIES

A COMBINATION OF

High Class Vaudeville Stars.

Casino Theatre

New Year's Eve, Friday, Dec. 31.

GEO. LEA'S SECOND ANNUAL MASQUERADE BALL!

Will Take Place on the Above Night.

This ball will eclipse anything of the kind ever attempted in Orange county.

$100 IN PRESENTS WILL BE GIVEN AWAY. READ THEM.

To the Lady Wearing the Finest Costume, a Handsome Dress Pattern. To be seen in the store window of Geo B. Adams & Co., North street.

To the Gentleman Wearing the Most Elaborate Costume, a Celluloid Necktie Box. To be seen in the window of Tuthill's Pharmacy, on James St.

To the Lady Wearing the Most Grotesque Costume, a Pair of Newport Patent Leather Slippers To be seen in A. Samuels' shoe store, 11 North St.

To the Best Lady Waltzer, a Lady's Hat. To be seen in L. Stern's window, on North street.

To the Homeliest Lady, a Parlor Lamp. To be seen in the window of Crawford's furniture store, on North street.

To the Prettiest Girl, a Bottle of Perfumery. To be seen in the window of McMonagle & Rogers, on North street.

To the Youngest Widow, an Elegant Tea Gown To be seen in Max Katzinger's window, Franklin Square.

To the Thinnest Man, an Immense Cake. To be seen in Deuman & Son's Bakery, on James street.

To the Gentleman Wearing the Most Grotesque Costume, an Easy Chair. To be seen in the window of France & Hathaway's furniture store, on East Main street.

To the Best Gentleman Waltzer, a Pair of Handsome Slippers. To be seen in the window of Frank W. VanSickle's shoe store, 58 North St.

To the Homeliest Man, a Box of Cigars. To be seen in the window of Allis' Cigar Store, on North street.

To the Person Selling the Most Tickets before the night of the ball, a Ten Dollar Gold Piece. To be seen in H. S. Dusenberry & Son's window, on North street.

All the above presents can be seen in the different store windows advertised until 8 p. m. of the night of December 31st.

A SPECIAL ORCHESTRA, with the newest music, has been engaged for the occasion, including some of the members of the WEST POINT BAND. Admission Prices:

Gents' Tickets 50c. Ladies' Tickets 25c. Spectators in the Balcony 25c.

Notice—Tickets purchased any time in advance for 8 o'clock, Thursday night, Dec. 30th, will be entitled to a Ladies' Ticket Free. Advance sale of tickets now on sale at H. S. Dusenberry & Son's grocery store.

Handsome Complexion

The greatest charms a woman can possess. POZZONI'S COMPLEXION POWDER

SPECIAL TERM CASES.

A Port Jervis Divorce Case—In Contempt of Court.

From the Newburgh Journal.

In Judge Hirschberg's special term at Newburgh, Saturday, Sarah Jackson, of Port Jervis, applied for an absolute divorce from her husband, James Edward Jackson, on the statutory grounds. The couple were married in 1877 and lived together, though not continuously, for seventeen years. The wife testified that her husband would leave her and remain away several months at a time. Three years ago he left her permanently. They have three living children,—Milton, Warren and Nellie. One witness, a Mrs. Johnstone, of Port Jervis, gave testimony and then the court observing a defective proof of service in the papers put the case over until it could be corrected.

The case entitled Rebecca Smithen vs. Reeve B. Wickham was called. Attorney J. W. Gott, of Goshen, for the plaintiff, moved that the defendant, Wickham, be punished for contempt of court. Wickham is a judgment debtor, lives in the town of Wawayanda and disregarded Judge Hirschberg's order directing him to appear in Mr. Gott's office to give testimony before a referee in supplementary proceedings. Mr. Dill, for the defendant, declared that the constable who had the paper to serve on Wickham purposely retained it until a late hour so that Wickham was unable to reach Goshen as the roads were heavy and muddy. He declared that Wickham had gone to Mr. Gott's office next day and Mr. Gott had threatened to have him punished. Mr. Dill added that the machinery of the law should not be made a means of persecution. Mr. Gott said that the plaintiff had a judgment of about $400 against Wickham, and that despite the fact that he was a judgment debtor he was conducting sales in his own name. He asserted that Wickham had plenty of time to get to Goshen after having the paper served on him as the constable had waited around for an hour and had then reached Goshen in good season. He had held back the order with a view of catching Wickham with the proceeds of the sale in his pockets.

The court declared that Wickham had wilfully disregarded the summons, and fined him $50 to be added to the judgment. If he fails to pay in ten days he will be committed.

LOW RATES TO NEW YORK.

The Ontario and Western Meets the Erie's Rate for Monday.

The Ontario and Western will sell tickets to New York city, Monday, 20th inst., at $1.86 for round trip. Tickets good going on any train and good for return passage on any train or date up to and including Monday, Dec. 27th. Trains leave Middletown 8:10 a. m., 4:30 p. m. and 6:43 p. m. Returning leave New York, Forty-second street, at 7:55 a. m. and 3:15 p. m. and 6:15 p. m.

The Ontario and Western always having the interest of the city at heart had decided to meet the demand of the merchants by not advertising any cheap rate excursion from here during the holidays. Low rates having been offered by other lines, they have had to act differently. By patronizing the Ontario and Western you are helping home industry.

GRANTED A DIVORCE.

A Young Middletown Wife Freed from a Faithless Husband.

Bertha A. Brien, by Harvey E. Holley vs. Harry L. Brien, was the title of an action for divorce that was tried by Judge Hirschberg, in Newburgh, Saturday. The parties live in Middletown. Mrs. Brien is not yet twenty-one years old and was married about three years ago by Rev. Mr. Heath, of Middletown. They had one child, which died. She applied for a decree on the statutory grounds. Several young men gave testimony and the divorce was granted. Dill & Cox appeared for the plaintiff.

Entertainment at the Second Presbyterian Church.

Don't forget that there will be a refined and novel entertainment at the Second Presbyterian Church, Monday, Dec 27th, consisting of illustrated songs by Mr. Hatch, who received his musical education in Italy. He has a high lyric tenor voice which is very sweet and musical. There will also be a famous solo harpist and several other features which will be mentioned later.

Tickets 15, 25 and 35 cents. Reserved seats at J. E. Mills' drug store.

OTISVILLE.

Presbyterian Sunday School's Christmas—Removal.

Correspondence of ARGUS AND MERCURY.

—Christmas will be fittingly observed by the Sunday School of the Presbyterian Church, on Friday evening, Dec. 24. Recitations, singing and the taking of gifts from the tree, it is hoped, will afford to all an entertaining evening.

—Charles Penny, who for many years has resided on the Mapes farm, near Mount Hope, moved to the Edson Mapes farm on Tuesday of this week.

—Miss Chichester, of New York, is visiting at Dr. Taylor's.

—Mrs. A. T. Beyea spent several days last week visiting friends here.

A Hunter Killed in Sussex County.

Frank Messenger, of Saddle River, N. J., in company with John Collins and three other sportsmen, last week, went to Sussex county for a hunting trip of several days. The shell in Collins' gun exploded. Friday, the charge entering Messenger's right breast, killing him instantly. Messenger was a farmer and leaves a widow and four children.

DEERPARK'S ELECTION CASE.

Argued Before Judge Hirschberg, Saturday—The Lexow Law Very Loosely Drawn.

Judge Hirschberg in special term at Newburgh, Saturday, heard argument on the writ of mandamus obtained by Fred C. Rodeker, Democratic candidate for Overseer of the Poor of the town of Deerpark, requiring the Town Canvassers to make a recount of the so-called void ballots.

L. E. Carr, who appeared for the Town Board, raised the point that under the Lexow law the Town Board of Canvassers had not the power to recanvass the packages of void ballots, their power being limited to a canvass of the original statements as filed by the inspectors.

Judge Hirschberg remarked that it seemed that a candidate had the right to know whether he was elected or not, but reserved his decision on the law points raised.

The *Gazette*, speaking of the case, says:

It is the general opinion of many lawyers that the Lexow law, which provided for the election of town officers in the fall instead of in the spring, is loose and of careless construction, and is unconstitutional in parts, and it is difficult to tell how a proceeding based on such a law will result.

THE LIVE WIRE SUIT.

The Boy Who Was Shocked Need Not Furnish a Bill of Particulars.

Judge Hirschberg denied, Saturday, with $10 costs to abide the event, the motion for a bill of particulars in the suit of Edwin Wood, a ten-year-old boy, against the Hudson River Telephone and Middletown-Goshen Traction companies to recover $1,000 damages for being shocked by a live wire.

The boy sues by his guardian, Mary A. Parsons, for $1,000 for loss of services and for bills for medical services, etc. W. B. Royce, representing the Traction and Telephone companies, wanted itemized bills and also wanted the boy to point out the particular pole from which the wire fell.

BEAVERKILL.

Many Interesting Personal Notes—Ladies' Aid Society Dinner.

Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Miss Evelina Myers, of Margaretville, Delaware county, went to Branch Hill, Thursday. She has been visiting her uncle, Wesley Gavitt, for two weeks.

—Miss Maud Davidson has returned from New York city. She spent two weeks with friends there.

—S. Hammond, of Binghamton, returned home week before last.

—Harry Cammer and sister, Clarinda, spent a few days on the Beaverkill recently visiting friends.

—Mrs. Margaret Wamsley has moved back on her farm.

—Miss Dollie Decker is improving. She has been sick a long time.

—The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church will meet, Wednesday, for dinner at Mrs. Miller's.

—Rev. Mr. Wilcox made many pleasant calls along the Beaverkill a few days ago.

RIDGEBURY.

M. E. Sunday School Christmas Entertainment.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—The M. E. Sunday School will hold regular Christmas exercises, on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th. A tree laden with presents for the children will add to the pleasure of the evening. Any one wishing to bring presents to put on the tree for friends is welcome to do so.

HUNDREDS OF THEM.

But There's a Natural Difference When They Live in Middletown.

There are a great many of them.
Every paper has its share.
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Middletown people want local proof.
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W. H. Sutton, No. 56 North street, who has charge of the upholstering department of the O. and W. R. R., says: My health has always been good with the exception of a kidney complaint that has caused me more or less trouble for the last two and a half or three years. Sometimes the pain in my loins was so bad I could not do anything. Every morning when I tried to get up my back was lame or stiff or sore. I do not know what caused it, but I do know that when I caught cold it was worse. I tried, amongst other things for it, Doan's Kidney Pills, getting them at J. E. Mills' drug store. In a very short time all traces of my complaint disappeared and I have not been troubled since. I think Doan's Kidney Pills a wonder.

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OLD VOLUNTEERS COMING.

A Delegation from the Veteran Firemen's Association to Visit Port Jervis and Middletown.

A delegation from the Old Volunteer Firemen's Association of New York city will visit Port Jervis, Christmas Eve, and present to Chief Horn, a set of resolutions as a remembrance of their visit there on the occasion of the annual parade of the Port Jervis Department. The Volunteers will remain in Port Jervis until Monday when they will come to this city where they were also entertained on their trip in September.

President Cullen, Recording Secretary J. J. Moloney, ex-Chief Eli Bates, Delegate Dan Bradley and Sergeant-at-Arms A. I. Bruch will compose the committee of the Volunteers.

Must Support His "Common Law Wife."

George Titsworth, a Port Jervis laboring man, was held in $250 bonds, Saturday, by Police Magistrate McCormick, to support his "common law wife." Titsworth was very much suprised when the justice, ignoring his taunt that "the woman couldn't show her papers," held that having lived together and passed as husband and wife they were married enough to justify him in requiring the prisoner to support the woman.

One Fare for the Round Trip to New York.

The Erie announce an excursion to New York, Monday, Dec. 20th, at the rate of $1.86 for the round trip. Tickets will be good going on any morning train Dec. 20th and returning on any train (except No. 5) on or before Tuesday, Dec. 21st. Trains leave Jam s street at 4:49, 6:01, 6:30, 7:10, 8:23, 10:48, a. m.; Main street, 6:32, 7:12, 8:25 a. m.

Did Not Take Up the Subject, Owing to Absentees.

A special meeting of the Water Board was held Saturday night, at which it was intended to discuss the further extension of the city's water supply. Mr. West was in New York, however, and Mr. Dicks failed to appear, hence the others did not take up the subject.

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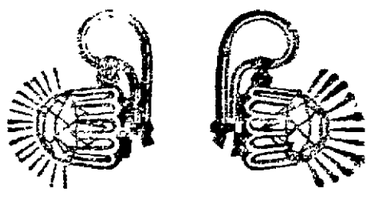

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—Snow, becoming rain, Tuesday; warmer.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store, to-day:
a. m., 16°. 12 m., 20°; 3 p. m., 23°.

Eleven of the Fall River cotton mills paid no dividends this year and the dividends paid average only 3.38 per cent. on the capital invested, as against 5.95 per cent. in 1896 and 8.18 per cent. in 1895. The "most scientific tariff ever devised" seems a deficit maker in the treasuries of the cotton mills as well as in the treasury of the United States.

A corpse sent C. O. D. from Butte, Mont., to Heflin, Ala., was taken from the express office by force by relatives of the deceased, who could not raise the amount due as charges. A deputy sheriff assisted in carrying off and burying the body. There is a distinctly Southern flavor about this wresting of a corpse from a grasping monopoly, but we can't help thinking that if the relatives of the dead man had bided their time it wouldn't have been long before the express company would have come to terms and even been willing to pay something to get the body off its hands.

The anti-cartoon bill, which was before the Legislature at the last session but which was not passed because Gov. Black intimated that he would not sign it, is to be brought up again at the next session and it is understood that the Governor has yielded to the pressure to which he has been subjected and will sign the measure. It is natural that men in public life should object to being made ridiculous and odious by the caricaturist's pencil, and so long as the present libel laws are retained and the man who uses a pen has to write with moderation or run the risk of incurring civil and criminal penalties, there is no good reason why the artist with his pencil should be given unlimited license.

The wheelmen of this State are likely to abandon their agitation for road improvement and devote their efforts to the extension of sidepaths. The chairman of the L. A. W.'s sidepath commission will advise this course at the meeting of the New York Division, next month, and will suggest the imposition of a tax of a dollar on each bicycle in the State the fund thus collected to be used in building and maintaining cycle paths. A good cycle path can, it is stated, be built for $250 a mile and costs practically nothing for repairs. By pushing the construction of sidepaths the comfort and convenience of wheelmen can be insured at once and it is reluctantly admitted that the time seems very far distant when the people can be educated up to the point that will make possible any general improvement of the highways.

REMEMBERED BY THEIR FRIENDS

How Christmas Will Be Celebrated in the Hudson River State Hospital.

Dr. C. W. Pilgrim, superintendent of the Hudson River State Hospital at Poughkeepsie, prepared a letter, about a week ago, a copy of which was sent to the friends of every inmate of the hospital asking them to remember the afflicted patients at Christmas time.

The response has been more than generous, for by Saturday, a carload of Christmas gifts had arrived and there are undoubtedly "more a-comin." The gifts will be distributed to the persons for whom they are intended from immense Christmas trees on Christmas Eve.

HIS JAW BROKEN.

John Divers Fell from a Wagon at Mechanicstown, Saturday Afternoon

John Divers, an employe of Hudson D. Hulse, of near Milo, was riding home from this city on a coal wagon, Saturday afternoon, when he fell to the roadway in the village of Mechanicstown. He was seen from the Cottage Hotel, and carried within and Dr. Pillsbury was summoned. The injured man was bleeding from the mouth and a mound rose rapidly on his head. To-day it was found that his jaw was broken, and Drs. Pillsbury and Connor set it this afternoon.

Erecting a Flag Staff on the Armory.

Lindsey & Co. began, Friday, the work of placing the new flag staff on the armory tower. The job is anything but an easy one. It was necessary to cut a hole in the roof through which the staff could be passed through one of the upper windows. The top of the staff was got as far as the roof when work was suspended.

Rumors of an Advance in the Milk Price

It is reported in New York that the price of milk will be advanced half a cent a quart on January 1st. The Wholesale Dealers' Association is understood to favor the advance.

BACK ACHE and RHEUMATISM relieved by Dr. Miles' Nervo Plasters.

NEW CHARGE AGAINST LEUTGERT

Said to Have Paid His Lawyer With Notes With Forged Endorsements.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Four notes for $1,000 each, held by Judge William Vincent, Luetgert's former counsel, for services during the sausage maker's first trial, are said to bear forged endorsements.

Paul Jaeschke, a plumber, whose name appears on their backs, denies emphatically that the endorsements are his. Vincent is said to have advanced Luetgert $1,000 on the strength of the notes.

WATCHING FILIBUSTERS.

The Montgomery and a Revenue Cutter Watching Suspected Vessels.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

PENSECOLA, Dec. 20.—The U. S. S. Montgomery is here watching several suspected filibusters, which are in the harbor. She is working in connection with the revenue cutter Penrose. Several boats have been fitted out with arms and ammunition for patrol duty. A pilot boat, the Thomas Smith, a vessel called the Brittania and a schooner are loading here, under official supervision.

ENGLAND AND JAPAN.

Believed to Be Working Together as Against China.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

LONDON, Dec. 20—An unconfirmed report is current that part of the British Far Eastern squadron will be stationed at Wei, this winter. If true this indicates that Great Britian is work with Japan as the latter still occupies that place pending payment of the Chinese war indemnity.

WINDOW GLASS FACTORIES TO START UP.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

BRIDGETON, Dec. 20.—Fires were put, to-day, under the furnaces of the Cumberland, Moore and Jones window glass factories here. It is expected that the works will start up soon and that 2,000 will be given employment.

COLDEST MORNING OF THE SEASON

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The temperature at eight, this morning, was seventeen degrees, the coldest of the season.

SATURDAY'S GUNNERS.

Great Day's Sport at Circleville and New Hampton.

The Circleville hunt under the auspices of the Gun Club of that place, was one of the best events of its kind given in this section. The hunters chose sides at 7 o'clock in the morning at "Tom" Hennessy's hotel, and lined up as follows:

Team No. 1—Frank Coddington, Emmet L. Bull, Walter F. Crans and Frank P. Bull.

Team No. 2—George B. Romer, William Razar, Charles Burtchell and John T. Bull.

The men separated and hunted until 4 p. m. When all were in the total amount of game secured was: Eighteen rabbits, two partridges and three grey squirrels. The team No. 1 had shot thirteen of the eighteen rabbits and won the supper. Frank Coddington shot ten rabbits and he won the box of cigars offered to the one shooting the most game by Mr. Hennessy.

A wild rumor reaches this city that the winning team roped in on their opponents number of rabbits which they had bought in this city and hid on their hunting ground. The "dead rabbit" yarn is however, stoutly denied.

AT NEW HAMPTON.

About forty gunners, including the members of the Wawayanda Gun Club, met in the field west of J. A. Mills' store, Saturday afternoon, and shot at clay pigeons for prizes of turkeys.

Among the prize winners were Bert Batchelder, Dr. F. W. Myers and Thomas Reid.

HE WAS A "STAR" HERE.

The Jolly Excise Inspector Who Couldn't Be Filled Up by the Boys Here.

From the Newburgh Telegram

Excise Inspector Rothman, who is well known to the Newburgh saloon contingent on account of his protracted stay here, has lost his situation. He was one of a party that had a tuss in a Broadway (New York) garden. The details of the occurrence reached Albany, and Mr Rothman and another inspector were discharged from the State employ. While in Newburgh Mr. Rothman became famous as a pinochle player and a jolly good fellow.

Inspector Rothman was well known here, where he successfully defeated an organized attempt to fill him up by means of relays of fresh drinkers.

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K. OF P. ENTERTAINMENTS.

Committees Appointed to Arrange for a Series of Entertainments.

Lancelot Lodge, No. 169, Knights of Pythias, has appointed committees to take charge of and make arrangements for a series of entertainments. The general entertainment committee held a meeting, Friday evening last, and the following dates and committees were agreed upon:

Jan 7 (public installation)—D. S. Youmans, Jr., I. J. Smith, I. J. Hasbrouck.

Jan. 25—J. J. Cox, William Remsen, A. H. Reed, I. W. Ellis, H. Birtwhistle, J. K. Evans.

Feb 22 (anniversary)—F. W. Brown, M. Bartholomew, M. J. Comfort, George Pierson, M. B. Van Fleet, J. T. Robertson.

March 22—George E. Gillen, Irving Barr, Ed. Burhans, George A. Gray, M. O. Everett, S. B. Kirby.

April 19—J. E. Corwin, A. S. Reynolds, Theron Sinsabaugh, Clarence Dickerson, H. Stevens, J. B. Palmer.

The general entertainment committee for the year is A. S. Reynolds, chairman; J. T. Robertson, J. E. Corwin, M. B. Van Fleet, John Youngs, J. J. Cox, George E. Gillen.

A meeting of all the committees is called for Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, in the lodge rooms.

IN A TRANCE.

Why Nothing Is Being Said About the Post Office Matter.

The post office matter has barely been spoken of in this city during the past few days. The trance into which a good natured public sank when the announcement was made that "Louis D. Stivers" was likely to be appointed is a lasting one, and no wonder.

"Louis D." is not a new-comer in the field, however, and can in no degree be regarded as a dark horse. He declined to sign "Yank's petition early in the game, saying that he was also a candidate. Shrewd politicians place "Louis D." on the same mark in the handicap race as that occupied by "Mose" Crist and "Jim" Moore.

Military Notes.

—The proposed reorganization of the National Guard is stirring up a great muss in New York city because it is believed to a movement to turn down Gen. Fitzgerald.

—The Newburgh companies have received new woven cartridge belts. The *Telegram* says that they are thick, warm, clumsy and cheap-looking things, and resemble a boy's toy base ball belt.

—The Tenth Company, of Newburgh, holds a ball, to-night, and the Fifth Company, New Year's Eve.

The Homeliest Man in Middletown

As well as the handsomest, and others are invited to call on any druggist and get free a trial bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs, a remedy that is guaranteed to cure all chronic and acute coughs, asthma, bronchitis and consumption. Price 25c. and 50c.

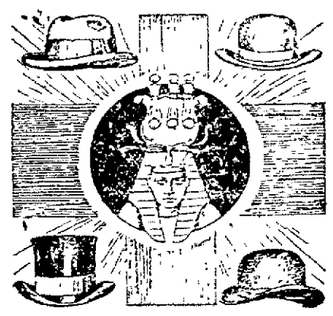
These Make Suitable Holiday Gifts!

Kid Gloves for ladies, misses, gents, lined and unlined. Handkerchiefs, all kinds, all prices. Umbrellas start at 75c stop at $5. Mackintoshes $5 and up. Silk Petticoats $7 to $12.75. Wool Blankets $4 to $8.50. Wool Dress Patterns, Plain and Fancy Silks, Furs, Linen Goods, Traveling Bags and Fancy Articles in great variety. Cloaks at cut prices.

CARSON & TOWNER,

No. 11 West Main Street. Telephone 166.

HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT.



Our Holiday Hat is a beauty, Fur and Cloth Caps, all grades; Mittens and Gloves, all grades. Silk and cassimer Mufflers and Silk Handkerchiefs. Silk Umbrellas or a nice Mackintosh Coat, Underwear and Hosiery.

Ready-made Clothing Sale—We are selling it fast at the price we are offering it at. People know good goods. Now is your time to buy a Suit, Overcoat or Ulster Coat. We want the money and they must go.

MERCHANT TAILORING DEPARTMENT.

Is booming with orders. We still have a good selection of Foreign and Domestic Cloths and people appreciate good work and style at our prices. All are invited to call at

JOHN E. ADAMS,

Leading Hatter and Clothier, No. 41 North Street.

A HOLIDAY DISPLAY!

10,000 Fancy Articles for Old and Young.

LOW PRICES RULE

1,000 doz. Handkerchiefs from 5c to 25c,—an Endless Variety.

Ask for our holiday specials in Skirts and Dress Goods, on which we have placed CUT PRICES.

H. E. CHURCHILL & CO.,

No. 39 North Street.

Slippers for Holiday Presents.

"The Hub" Shoe Store,

13 West Main Street.

Next to Carson & Towner's.

Men's Slippers 50c upwards.

Boys' Slippers 50c upwards.

Ladies' Beaver Nullifiers 95c.

Boys' and Girls' Rubber Boots at very low prices.

ATTENTION!

Bear in mind before making your Christmas selections, that we have a complete line of

HOLIDAY GIFTS!

such as

Handkerchiefs,

in Swiss, Linen and Silk.

Silk Mufflers, Gents' Ties

in 4-in-Hands, Tecks, Bows and Strings.

Smith & Angell's Hosiery

in cotton and wool. Guaranteed not to crock off. We have them for either men, women or children

Pocketbooks of All Descriptions and a Nice Line of Silver Novelties.

We Give Trading Stamps.

J. D. HORTON, AGT.,

No. 27 West Main Street.

I. B. A. TAYLOR & CO.,

DEALERS IN ALL KINDS OF

COAL!

All our COAL is screened by the POCKET SYSTEM, thereby insuring to the consumer clean coal.

Taylor's Coal Yard,

NO. 88 WEST MAIN ST., CORNER MILL ST

AT STERN'S.

A Few Items Worth Mentioning.

Our Millinery Department is as near perfection as it can be made. The entire winter stock is all in—no need for ladies waiting for other styles. Endless variety of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Winter Cloaks. We are acknowledged leaders in these lines. Our assortment is too large and the space too small to mention the different designs and prices. Come and see. Ladies' Shirt Waists in all prices. We have a fine Outing Flannel Waist at 48c. A Plaid Waist, latest cut, detachable collar and cuffs for 98c.—A beauty. Have sold over 25 dozen. Nice enough to wear to a ball. Over 200 Silk Waists in stock. Every style and quality represented from $2.48 up. No such assortment elsewhere. All at our Handsome Store. If you need a Separate Dress Skirt, remember we are headquarters.

L. STERN 13-15 NORTH ST

Can We Aid Your Selections?

—The gift of a book is a compliment alike to the intelligence of recipient and giver. We have the books to select from.

—Fine Stationery in dainty boxes for dainty gifts.

—Toilet Sets, Manicures, etc. The finest line in the city

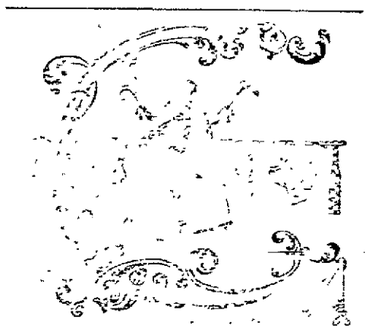
—Oxford Teacher's Bibles, Prayers and Hymnals in all bindings.

—Games, Blocks and other things for the children.

—Nothing more appropriate for an artistic gift than our Medallions and Framed Pictures.

Hanford & Horton,

No. 6 North St., Middletown.



A Christmas Display

of goods dear to the masculine heart we are displaying this week, for those who wish to please their male friends by gifts that will make them rise up and call you blessed.

Fine Umbrellas, Men's Driving and Street Gloves, Scarfs, Mufflers, Fine Suspenders, House Coats, Smoking Jackets, Ulsters, Overcoats, Horse Blankets and Robes.

GEO. W. YOUNG.

WANTED.

Pair Good Oxen in exchange for pair farm horses. Address, with particulars, at once,
G. F. HARDING,
Wurtsboro, N. Y.

Big Stock,

Little Price!

We Have an Endless Line of Men's and Boys' Useful Presents

Overcoats, Suits,
House Coats,
Mackintoshes,
Umbrellas,
Cardigan Jackets,
Jersey Coats,
Neckwear,
Mufflers,
Handkerchiefs,
Gloves, etc.

MORRIS B. WOLF

No. 10 North St., M

It Has Seemed Like Old Times

IN

Our Warerooms for the Last Few Days.

We have actually been unable to give every one of our patrons the attention we would like, but we are not surprised, as we have just the goods the public want for Christmas presents, and the prices are not much more than half of former years. Novelties in Furniture, Crockery and Bric a-Brac on every hand. We set out this year with the determination to remove the necessity for any person going out of town to buy their X-mas presents. We can suit everybody from 1 cent to $100. Just think what a nice present a first-class Sewing Machine at $17.50 or a $75 Orange County Express Bicycle at $40 would make. Respectfully

C. Emmet Crawford,

44 AND 46 NORTH STREET.

Christmas Gifts, dainty and pleasing!

Fine Perfumery, Toilet Water, Cologne etc, our own make in pretty bottles and boxes, all in good taste, all at mod rate cost. Come and see for yourself

Our Italian Violet is the marvel of the day; who wouldn't be pleased with it? There's not much in a name, other perfumers use the name Italian Violet—but it is our Extract Italian Violet which alone creates a sensation among lovers of sweet scents. It is wholly different from any other—rivalling fresh Violets.

Or perhaps a real good hair brush would please you; these we have, firm hard bristles in solid backs—a perfect brush.

Or a box of Elegant Toilet Soap or—or—or—

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St. and 155 North St (North Side Pharmacy).

Huyler's Candies for the holidays at McMonagle & Rogers', 30 North St.

CHRISTMAS

You wish to make as many presents this year as last and can only afford half the amount of money to devote to them, call and see us, where you can buy all kinds of

FURNITURE and CROCKERY

at prices to suit your pocketbooks.

Handsome Rockers

of every description, for many of which we have the sole agency.

WRITING DESKS, MUSIC CABINETS, ODD PARLOR PIECES, STANDS, PICTURES, EASELS, SCREENS, WHITE ENAMELED GOODS, ELEGANT DINNER AND TEA SETS, FANCY CUPS AND SAUCERS, ETC., ETC.

LAMPS

that speak for themselves.

☞Goods can be selected any time and be delivered CHRISTMAS EVE. Be glad to have you come and see our stock, whether you purchase or not.

THE CHEAPEST PLACE IN THE CITY.

FRANCE & HATHAWAY,

7 EAST MAIN STREET

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Christmas display at Geo. W. Young's.
—Fine creamery butter 23c at J W Sloat's.
—See dissolution notice, Ebner Bros.
—Orange Co. Trust and Safe Deposit Co.
—An Illustration, Geo. B. Adams & Co.
—Holiday sale of hats at Mrs Bush's.
—Store dress suit cases at Matthews & Co.'s.
—Dry bones wanted by Henry Meyer.
—Dyspepsia cured by Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets
—Health restored by Dr Miles' Nervine.
—Calendars given with Fairy Soap.
—Piso's Cure for coughs and colds.
—Constipation cured by Cascare s.
—For backache, Doan's Pills.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—"Devil's Auction" at the Casino, to night.

—Phoenix's thirty-eighth annual ball. Thursday night.

—Gotthold's vaudeville performance at the Casino, Christmas evening.

—Dandelions in blossom were seen in Greene, Chenango county, last week.

—Base ball at the armory. Wednesday night. Regulars vs. substitutes. Game 8:30.

—Remember that Phoenix's ball occurs, Thursday night, at the Assembly Rooms.

—For the first time, this season, the store windows were coated with frost, this morning.

—The annual meeting of the Firemen's Relief and Benefit Association will be held to-night.

—The Bethel A. M. E. Church fair and bazaar will be held in the church on South street, Dec. 24 to 31, inclusive.

—Mayor Green, of Binghamton, has secured work for 130 men from that city at Utica on the deepening of the Erie Canal.

—A movement is on foot to establish a beet sugar factory in Binghamton. The cost of the plant is estimated to be $400,000.

—The Hudson Company's basket ball team defeated the Tenth Company team of Newburgh, Friday night, by a score of 18 to 6.

—The Helping Hand Society, of Nyack, has established a wood yard in which it is proposed to employ honest and able-bodied men at a dollar a day, payable in groceries.

—James Murphy, of Port Jervis, was sent to the county jail, Saturday, for sixty days for resisting an officer, who attempted to arrest him while drunk and disorderly.

—The Argus acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to a turkey supper to be given by the members of Wallkill Engine Company at the truck house Saturday evening, January 1st

—In accordance with the usual custom the drills of the 24th Separate Company will be omitted during the holiday weeks. The next drill will be held Tuesday, Jan. 4.

—Raymond W. Carr has resigned as Justice of the Peace of the town of Deerpark and will remove to Albany. The Town Board, Saturday, appointed Charles Morris as Mr. Carr's successor.

—Dressing rooms and a competent female attendant will be on hand at Len's masquerade ball at the Casino, on New Year's Eve, so that masks and costumes can be arranged after entering the theatre.

—Chas. Yale's "Devil's Auction" has been produced at the Casino on two previous occasions Hundreds of Middletowners can testify that it is a clean performance and can be witnessed by a lady audience.

—Be sure of a seat by getting it reserved in advance for the Vernon Brothers, at the First Congregational Church, to-morrow evening. Chart now at J E Mills' drug store. Price only fifteen cents

—See what natural talent with proper training will do for the little Vernon Brothers are the wonder of all who hear them. An opportunity for every one to hear them is afforded by the extremely low price of admission, ten and fifteen cents.

—Secure your tickets for Len's masquerade ball beforehand as you will save twenty-five cents by so doing. A ticket purchased now costs only fifty cents and admits a gentleman and lady. For sale at H. S. Dusinberry & Son's reserved seat ticket office.

—"Many people were compelled to stand at last evening's entertainment in the armory so crowded was the big room."—*Harrisburgh, Pa., Telegraph.* The occasion of such a crowd was the little Vernon Brothers, who will appear at the First Congregational Church, to-morrow (Tuesday) evening, at 8 o'clock.

PERSONAL.

—Harry Terhune spent Sunday in New York city.

—John Yocum, of New York, spent Sunday in town.

—Allan W Corwin is home from Harvard for the holidays.

—Grant S. White, of Paterson, is in town visiting relatives and friends.

—Dr. Nelson spent Sunday in this city, returning to New York, to-day.

—Miss Cora Goodsor, of New York city, is the guest of Miss Blanche Cameron.

—C. O. Brinkerhoff and family went to New York city, to-day, for a few days' visit.

—Justice Newton B. Higby and wife, of Pine Bush, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Merritt, to-day.

—H. A. Castle returned to duty at the navy yard, to-day, after a fortnight's siege with rheumatism.

—Will Barnes, who is attending the Baltimore Dental College, returned home, Saturday night, for the holiday vacation of three weeks.

A Very Odd Name.

Among the records of convictions in the office of the Dutchess county clerk is that of Toothache Weasle. He was sent from Fishkill as a disorderly person.

OBITUARY.

M. Lewis Clark.

S. Lewis Wilkison received word, this morning, of the death of M. Lewis Clark, formerly of this city, which occurred at Buffalo, Saturday evening, at 9:30 o'clock. The cause of death was Bright's disease of the kidneys and Mr. Clark had been in failing health ever since last summer. He was about seventy years old.

Mr. Clark was for many years a prominent figure in Middletown's business and political life. He was for a number of years in the dry goods business and later was in the insurance and real estate business, and his services as an auctioneer were in demand here and elsewhere. Mr Clark was an ardent Democrat and took an active interest in politics. He was often a candidate for local offices, but so far as we recall the only office to which he was ever elected was that of trustee of the First Ward of the village of Middletown.

Mr. Clark removed to Buffalo about ten years ago. He held there a responsible position in the freight office of the D. L. and W. Railroad.

He is survived by two daughters, Alice and May, the latter of whom is married and both of whom reside in Buffalo: also by three sons, Lewis, who lives at Washington and holds a situation in the Government Printing office, and Seymour and Frank, of Buffalo.

The funeral arrangements have been delayed pending the arrival of Lewis at Buffalo. It is probable that the body will be brought here for burial This was done with the body of Mr. Clark's second wife, who died a little more than two years ago. The body of his first wife and of several children are also buried in Hillside Cemetery.

Reuben Cash Dead.

Reuben C. Mead, Wawayanda's well known Justice of the Peace died suddenly at his home in Denton, Saturday night, about 6 o'clock. Mr. Mead had been in poor health for a year or more, and after a chill a week ago he spent much of his time lying on a sofa, rheumatism and headaches causing constant pain. Saturday night he had finished his supper and was in the act of shaking the stove when he fell over. His housekeeper ran to his assistance, but as he was heavily built she was unable to raise him. She procured help from a neighbor's but Mr Mead was dead in fifteen minutes. Dr Shelly, of Ridgebury, was called and he gave a certificate of death by apoplexy.

The deceased was born in the town of Minisink, July 1, 1830. He married Elizabeth J. Denton, a sister of Theo. J. Denton, November 1, 1854, who died in April, 1891. The family had resided in Denton for about thirty years.

In 1896, Henry Wisner, youngest son of the deceased, met a violent death by train at New Hampton, and soon after another son, Theodore D., died in Monticello, from the effects of injuries received from a paving stone which fell on him. The only survivor of the family is Merritt C., a son, who is in the employ of the Pullman Car Company. He runs between Jersey City and Chicago and his home is in the former place. A telegram found him on the eastern end of his trip, and he arrived at Denton, Sunday morning. Also surviving the deceased are two sisters, Mrs. James C Coleman, of Goshen, and Mrs. Howell Bailey, of Loudenville, O. The late Caroline Robertson, who died recently in this city, was a sister.

Mr. Mead was a trustee of the Denton Presbyterian Church and the public school. He had been justice of the peace for a great many years.

WITH ONTARIOS.

Clam Bake on Saturday Night—Annual sermon on Sunday Night.

Ontario Hose Company, No 5 gave an impromptu clam bake, Saturday night, which was attended by about a score of the members.

Sunday night about the same number went to the North Street Congregational Church to hear the annual sermon given by Chaplain J. W. Norris.

Wants $1,000 Damages for Illegal Arrest.

William H. Mink, of Newburgh, was in Fishkill a few weeks ago, distributing advertising matter with the assistance of several boys One of the lads fell and broke a window glass valued at $1.50 Mink was arrested as responsible for the boy's mishap, and was not released till he had paid for the broken window. He has brought suit against Justice McLaughlin and Officers Month and Middleton to recover $1,000 damages.

Holiday Train Service on the Erie.

On Christmas and New Year's the Erie announce their trains will be run on holiday schedule as follows Train 15 and 16, (Orange County,) will run as usual in both directions, and train 38 east at 10:48 will run as usual as will No. 9 west at 11:25 a. m. All other trains will run on Sunday schedule except no train east at 8:23 a. m.

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Dropsy and Heart Disease.

A great cure and a great testimony. "For ten years I suffered greatly from heart disease; fluttering of the heart and smothering spells, made my life a torment. I was confined to my bed. Dropsy set in. My physician told me to prepare for the worst. I tried Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart—One dose gave great relief, one bottle cured dropsy and my heart."—Mrs. James Adams, Syracuse, N. Y.

Sold by James T. King and McMonagle & Rogers.

Trading Stamps

Are as good as gold, Weller & Demorest, 3 W. Main St. 22d4t

NO LONGER CALL HIM "JERRY."

The Anti-Machinists Who Discovered "Jerry" Barnes Now Willing to Wear "Kick Me" Signs.

Recorder Barnes is just now in very bad odor with his political parents, brothers and sisters, all of whom are "aunties." The rumors afloat are of such a nature that "Jerry" may be a target when the next election shoot occurs.

"Jerry," it is well known, was discovered and fostered by the "First Ward gang." They found that he was one of them. He thought with them that John F. Bradner had been in office long enough, and when these fast-propogating antis suggested that he be the David to go out against Goliath Bradner, he accepted, and was an "anti" indeed.

But?

Now there is blood on the moon. "Jerry" has fallen from grace, and some of those who said "sick em" when "Jerry" was running for office are finding now that he don't raise his back so viciously at the machine as he did. Indeed he seems willing to curl up and snooze on the machine stoop. This warmth toward the enemies of the men who made him is not likely to be forgotten right away, and some very emphatic remarks are being made about him.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT AT THE CASINO

Gotthold's Gigantic Gathering of Carefully Chosen Celebrities Will Hold the Boards.

The attraction announced for Christmas night at the Casino is Gotthold's gigantic gathering of carefully chosen celebrities, a combination of high class vaudeville acts. Among the principal are Whallen and Sully, grotesque comedians and dancers: Rade, the great contortionist: Walton and Mayon, eccentric comedians: Fannie Putnam, the American chansonette: Murray, Brown and Murray, the "Booming Trio: Joe Welsh, parody writer and singer: Armstrong and Porter, comedy sketch artists: Hyde and Dunn, the whirl wind dancers.

A Benefit Entertainment for "Billy" Williams.

A benefit entertainment will be given "Billy" Williams, the noted comedian and vocalist, at the Casino, Friday evening, Jan. 7th.

Mr. Williams is an actor down on his luck, being almost helpless with rheumatism and having a wife and two children. The family is without means and have been helped by a few who knew of their necessities.

The benefit is being arranged by well known citizens.

DISSOLVE PARTNERSHIP.

Ebner Brothers' Plumbing Shop Will be Conducted by Joseph Ebner.

The recent police court experience of John Ebner has resulted in a dissolution of the partnership existing between him and his brother, Joseph, in the plumbing business recently commenced on Wickham avenue. Joseph Ebner will continue the business alone. He is known as a competent workman and has the confidence of all who have employed him.

Advised Milk Dealers to Join the Trust

An Ontario and Western official complained to the New York city Board of Health, last week, that Walter G. Elliott, an inspector, had been advising milk dealers that it was for their interest to get into the proposed Milk Trust. Inspector Elliott was called before President Wilson and told that he would have to stand trial on the complaint. Rather than do this he resigned.

Preached to a Large Congregation.

A large congregation filled the Congregational Church, Sunday night, when Rev. R. B. Clark, of the Goshen Presbyterian Church, gave an interesting and eloquent address

Rev. Dr. William A. Robinson, exchanged with Mr Clark and was greeted with a large audience in the Goshen Church.

Will Announce Their Decision Dec. 31

The commissioners in the Highland avenue extension matter evidently do not believe in putting off until next year what they can just as well do this year. They have taken an adjournment until December 31st, when they will announce their decision as to the necessity and desirability of straightening the street.

Had His Finger Amputated.

Norman C. Hughes, a brakeman on the Delaware division of the Erie, while making a coupling in the Port Jervis yard, Saturday afternoon, had his left hand caught between the bumpers and had the big finger crushed so badly that amputation was necessary.

Will Visit Palestine

Rev. Ezra T. Sanford, pastor of the Port Jervis Baptist Church, accompanied by Rev. Dr. Thompson, of New York, expects to make an extended European tour, in which the Holy Land will be visited They may start on or about March 1.

First Presbyterian Sunday School's Christmas Treat.

The Sunday School of the First Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Christmas treat entertainment, next Monday night. There will be a programme, supper and candy.

A Mother Killed by Her Insane Daughter

Mrs. Flora Belle Yeager shot and killed her widowed mother, Mrs. Elvina Sweet, at Susquehanna, Pa., Friday night. Mrs. Yeager had shown signs of insanity and will be committed to an asylum.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Dikemans' Dramatic Entertainment a Success—A Vagrant Sent to the Penitentiary—Exchange of Pulpits—Gone to Norwalk, Conn.—A Jail Delivery—Joined the Empire Bowling Club.

From our Regular Correspondent

—A good sized audience gathered, Saturday night, to witness the play and applaud the players at Music Hall where the comedy drama, "Strife," was produced by Dikeman Hose Co. It was one of the good old time plays with thrilling, hair-raising scenes, shooting, etc. There was the fair young maiden and the bold, bad villain, the purse proud old duffer and the poor and honest hero, and there were others. Following is the cast of characters:

Judge Henry Buttons ..... T P Logan
Harold Thomas a gentleman of leisure ..... C H Purcell
Henry Hansell, a mechanic. ..... W. H. Carroll
Aristotle Thompkins, Horatio Squash, the judge's friends. Wm Farrell H J Miller Jr
Hans Von Sauer, his cook ..... J W Doyle
Janus, his servants ..... H V L Due
Neo. ..... T F Kane
Policeman ..... H J Mills Jr
Laura Reid the judge's ward. Miss E M Franklin
Mrs. Hansell, Harry's mother. ..... Miss M. Culley
Dolly, a maid ..... Miss M L Welsh
Mary Harris ..... Miss A F Welsh

The members of the company were assisted by Lizzie Eckert, a clever little miss of Chester, who told about "maiden Mabel with her face against the pane" and recited several other selections. They were also assisted by Thomas Malone, an Irish comedian from Wappingers Falls The efforts of the amateur thespians were creditable and the receipts were eminently satisfactory.

—Rev. Dr. Robinson, of the First Congregational Church, Middletown, exchanged with Rev R B Clark, Sunday. His sermon is praised by all who heard it.

—Vernon Hawkins, a vagrant, claiming "nowhere" as his former residence, will reside for four months at the Albany penitentiary, where Officer Van Leuvan took him, Saturday.

—Sheriff Beakes took three prisoners, who had been sentenced at Judge Battie's court, to Albany and four to Sing Sing, on Saturday.

—Rev. D. T. Travis, of Ellenville, conducted services at the M. E. Church, yesterday, and Rev. S. F. White supplied the pulpit of Rev. Mr. Travis' church at Ellenville.

—Tax Collector Tuthill will be ready for taxpayers at the Goshen National Bank, to-morrow.

—Yesterday's New York *Sun* says that "Mark A. Howell, the Goshen, N. Y., bowler, who participated last year in the *Sun's* individual championship bowling tournament, has joined the Empire Bowling Club."

—No regular organist has been secured for the colored mission in the Merriam building, and the "volunteer organist" role is being temporarily enacted. Sunday, Jack B Scott graced the occasion by his presence and acted as organist and choirmaster

—Mr. and Mrs. John L. Cummins have gone to Norwalk, Conn., where the tragedy resulting in the death of Prof. S. R. Lambert and the jagging and binding of his wife, as told in the New York newspapers, occurred, Friday night. Mrs. Cummins is a sister of Mrs. Lambert, who prior to her marriage was Miss Eva L. Ogden, well known in the literary world

THE CIVIL SERVICE HUMBUG

Newburgh's School Board Examined Would Be Janitors in Latest Chinese style

Newburgh's Board of Education having to appoint a janitor for one of the city's school buildings notified the twenty-four applicants for the place to appear for a civil service examination. Seven candidates withdrew in disgust after looking at the papers without making answers to any of the questions, and of those who were left only four got on the eligible list, although the standard was not very high,—sixty per cent. The whole thing seems farcical in the extreme, and it's a safe bet that the janitor finally selected is not the man the members of the Board would have picked out had they been choosing a man to work about their homes or business places.

A "Harmony Suggestion."

From the Newburgh Press.

"It is an ill wind that blows no one any good." Because of the factional fight in Middletown the present incumbent of the postmastership, Charli Elwood, holds over and the people of that town have the services of as good an official as could be found in the entire city and he enjoys the emoluments. In the interest of peace we suggest that Postmaster Elwood be not disturbed.

The "Devil's Auction" Company and Its Baggage.

The "Devil's Auction" Company members went to New York city, after playing in Paterson, Saturday night, and the most of them reached here, to-day. The company's baggage included forty-six pieces besides a carload of scenery.

Journalistic Notes.

—Sunday's New York *Sun's* page story of the "shettin' out" of John P. Morgan, in West Virginia, which occurred in the presence of 5,000 men, women and children, was one of the best newspaper stories which has appeared in any paper in many a day.

Coughs, colds, pneumonia and fevers may be prevented by keeping the blood pure and the system toned up with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

BRANCH POST OFFICES.

Newburgh Wants To Take In a Good Share of the Earth.

If the project of making small post offices in the vicinity of large or city offices branches of the city offices is carried out, the *Register* thinks that Montgomery, Walden, Coldenham, East Coldenham, St. Andrews, Leptondale, Savilton, Sylvia, Plattekill, Middlehope, Roseton, Cronomer's Valley, Gardnertown, Vail's Gate, Cornwall, Salisbury Mills, Washingtonville and Craigville will be made branches of the Newburgh office.

BULLVILLE.

A Holiday Dance.

Correspondence Argus and Mercury.

—The Circleville Fin de Siecle Club will give a dance at McKney's Hall, Bullville, Tuesday evening, Dec. 28th, rain or shine.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.

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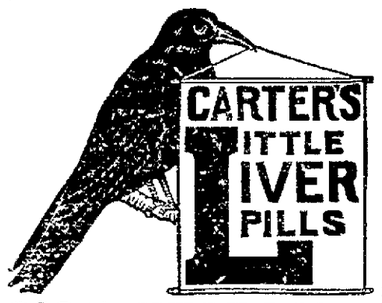

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IT WAS Zeb Ryerson who did it. Zeb is a genuine specimen of the Texas cowboy—a corporate specimen, I may say, of the reckless, rollicking, ready for anything rider—whom one meets with so frequently among the mesquite bush and upon the great rolling prairies of the southwestern stock range.

A fellow who has spent his life, almost from the cradle up, bestriding a huge, rough leather saddle, mounted upon a shaggy but mettlesome "range pony" of acknowledged speed and wonderful endurance.

A dangerous looking fellow — this wild rider—judged by his reckless air and his accoutrements, yet withal a generous hearted chap, who would halve the last crumb with you in a tight pinch, and at whose camp the lost, bewildered or hungry traveler may always find a hearty welcome and a blanket to spare.

Such a one is Zeb Ryerson, who rides a Brazos Ranger—a trifle more daring, perhaps, but neither better nor worse than the average of his species.

Like all the rest of them, Zeb has had a fierce encounter a host of them—and a spirited one by the hour, if you have a mind to listen.

His crowning achievement—a feat, indeed, which has given him a wider reputation than falls to the lot of many on the range—was won early in his career when, in fact, he was but a lad of 18 years.

Zeb was at that time working with a party in the September "round up," and, as the cattle were well scattered their circuit was a large one, they found themselves during the last of the month out upon the Clear Fork of the Brazos, at some distance beyond that was usually the extreme edge of their range.

They had camped on the bank of a small run or branch of the Clear Fork, and that day Zeb had followed the run clear up to its source, demonstrating to his satisfaction that there were then, and had been, no cattle along its banks that summer.

He was returning at his leisure, and late in the afternoon had reached a point some four miles from camp, when he suddenly espied the humps and backs of a small herd of buffalo feeding among the mesquite bush at his right and almost in the direction he was traveling.

Now buffaloes were already getting extremely scarce in the Brazos, and though he had seen large numbers of them in his early youth, when they were plentiful as the cattle had become since, he had never killed one.

Late years, when he had learned well the use of Winchester and revolver, his work had been done on the eastern range, where there was no game larger than the deer and turkey.

Now was the opportunity to redeem his record—for never to have killed a buffalo was little less than a disgrace among his fellows—and in the wink of an eye almost he had determined to slaughter the whole herd.

The buffalo were only a little distance off, and did not see the young herdsman, for their heads were down and their big jaws quietly cropping the rich mesquite grass which grew among the bushes.

Edging his pony slowly around to the right, so as to get the feeding herd between himself and camp, Zeb drew his Winchester from the "saddle scabbard" and chucked the partially-filled magazine "jam full" of well-greased cartridges.

By the time this was accomplished one of the bulls in front had scented the danger, and with a hoarse snort, which startled all of his fellows, the great beast bounded out from the bush, and lifting his shaggy front stood facing the would-be hunter with every appearance of bold defiance.

But when Zeb started his pony and tore down on them, the old fellow wheeled about and scampered away with the others.

Away they went, 15 or 20 of them rolling over the plain in that long, undulating gallop peculiar to the American bison, and away went the wild pursuer after them, his sleek, sure-footed pony gaining at every leap.

Soon the excited rider came up with a fat cow, pulling, as she lumbered along in the vain endeavor to keep up with her more fleet-footed mates. The Winchester spoke once, twice, thrice, and then the horseman sped on, leaving the staggering, mortally wounded cow to her fate.

A young bull was the next victim, dropped in his tracks at the first shot, but the young hunter found but a tithe of the fun and excitement he had expected in this merciless, running slaughter.

If they had only shown fight, or put his pony down to its best speed, he would have been better pleased.

There was more fun in roping a steer than in this kind of sport, and suddenly Zeb became fired with a wild ambition.

There was that big, shaggy, snorting bull just ahead, and a tremendous fellow, with a colossal hump and great, harp-pointed horns; if he could succeed in roping and tying him, that would be a feat worth accomplishing, and would establish his renown as a skillful roper throughout the whole cattle range.

He was already acknowledged as the best roper and tyer" of his gang. He could mount his horse, run down, rope and tie the wildest long-legged steer in less time than any of the nine camping with him.

But here was a chance for glory such as is seldom attained by youth of his age, if he could only succeed. He had heard of plenty of men who had roped and thrown a buffalo; but of the tying of one head and foot he did not remember a single instance.

Now, Zeb not only carried the common "throw rope" which is generally used for catching cattle, but, slung to a ring in the saddle, he also had one of the best Mexican lariats of rawhide, such as are used for catching the mustang and wild horses of the llanos.

Fired with this sudden desire of capturing the largest bull in the herd, he unslung the lariat, chucked the Winchester back into its scabbard, gave a wild whoop, and whirling the long, running noose rapidly above his head, charged down upon the old bull.

The pony understood his business thoroughly, and the moment that whirling rawhide began singing its sharp whirr-er above his head, he knew what was coming, and, once assured of the object at which it was to be aimed, he needed neither rein nor spur to bring him quickly alongside the intended victim.

Then Zeb, leaning well forward in the saddle, and still spinning the noose with a lightning-like movement above his head, poised himself for an instant, and then, darting the flying loop forward with a quick swoop of his arm, sent the long, snaky thing whistling away in front of the lunging buffalo.

Even before the noose fell the rider had taken several quick twists of the other end of the lariat about his saddle-horn with his left hand, while, as it dropped directly under the animal's nose, he gave it a sudden twitch with his right.

At the same instant the keen-witted pony shot out to one side and drew rapidly away and set back upon his haunches and stopped.

The throw had been a sure one, and the big bull came floundering to the earth, giving horse and rider a shock that nearly upset them both.

In a trice the lariat was made fast to the saddle-horn, and, "throw-rope" in hand, Zeb dismounted, to try his luck at tying the fallen animal.

The lariat had securely fastened upon one foreleg of the beast, and as he shook his fierce head, after recovering from the first shock of surprise, and sprang to his feet with a snort of defiance, the knowing horse gave a backward lurch that again brought him tumbling to the earth.

"Good for you, Dandy!" shouted Zeb, in delight. "Was afraid you couldn't fetch him; but you brought the ole feller down sure enough."

Meantime, even as he spoke, the skillful youth had flung his "throw-rope" over one pawing, struggling hindleg, and, running round on the opposite side, he pulled one way while the pony pulled the other.

Then there was a sharp, hard struggle which lasted some minutes—a fight in which at one instant the chances were in favor of the buffalo, and at another that he would soon be conquered and compelled to yield to the superior tactics of his enemies.

A score of times the huge beast gathered his limbs for a bound that would have brought him to his feet, nerved to withstand the dexterous jerks of the lariat, and ready for a headlong charge, when a sudden twist, given at just the right time upon the leverage of his unstable legs, would roll him over again upon his back.

If once he gained his feet and faced the horse, the pony's efforts at throwing him would be of no more effect than a like strain upon a solid ledge of rock, and in fleeing from the charge so certain to follow, the horse would lose all hold upon him, as a half-dozen jumps of the bull would suffice to throw off the slackened noose of the lariat, and then the rope thrower might as well try to hold back the wind.

Thus, success depended upon the constant and concerted action of both the roper and his horse—and well did both in this instance do their part.

The horse kept the lariat drawn taut, lurching backward at every sharp command of his master, while Zeb himself tugged and jerked and maneuvered until the perspiration rolled off him like great raindrops.

At last, though, he succeeded, by throwing a twisting half-hitch, in tangling the other hindleg of the bull, and then drawing the old fellow's kicking hoofs together, he hung on till the buffalo grew sulky and gave the fight up in despair.

After that he could depend on the horse in case of another struggle, and he now boldly approached his huge victim, hauling in the rope as he did so.

In almost less time than it takes to tell it the sulky old bull was a hopeless prisoner, tied head and foot, and in such a manner that he could not even make the attempt to rise, much less get up and walk.

Then Zeb went to camp and told the boys, but was compelled to wait until they had followed him back to the spot before he could gain credit for his story. Even then they hunted the animal all over to find a bullet wound. When that failed Zeb's fame was established.—Golden Days.

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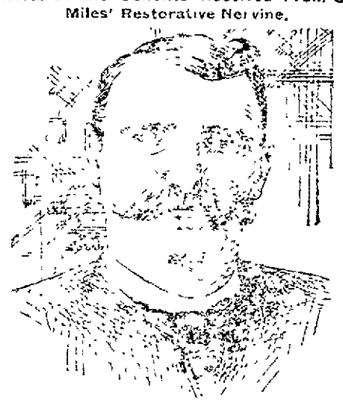

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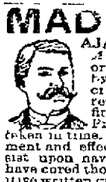

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And whereas, it was in and by said mortgage expressly agreed "In case default is made in the payment of the principal or interest moneys on said bonds secured by this mortgage, or any part thereof for the space of ninety days after the same or any part thereof shall accrue, become due and payable; or if the said party of the first part shall allow any taxes or assessments levied or assessed under any colorable authority whatever to remain unpaid more than ninety days after the same shall become due and payable, that then and in such case the whole principal debt shall become and be forthwith due and payable even though said bonds may not have fully matured;" and thereupon the said party of the second part, his successor or successors, if required by fifty-one per centum in interest of said bonds, orders shall cause the whole of said premises to be sold at public auction, in the manner as provided in said mortgage.

And whereas, the said mortgagor, The Goshen Gas Light Company has failed to pay the interest which became due on the 1st day of January, 1897, or any part thereof, and the same has remained unpaid and in arrears for the space of more than ninety days, and the undersigned, at the written request of all the holders of said bonds has elected and hereby elects that the whole principal sum shall become due and payable immediately.

And whereas, default has been made in the payment of the amount due upon and secured to be paid by said mortgage as aforesaid, and there is now due and owing to said mortgagee, Horatio S. Stewart, as trustee, upon and by virtue of said mortgage at the date of the first publication of this notice, the sum of twelve thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars, to wit: The sum of twelve thousand dollars principal and the sum of seven hundred and twenty dollars for interest thereon from January 1st, 1897, and no suit, proceeding or other action at law or otherwise has been instituted to recover the said mortgage debt or any part thereof.

Now therefore, notice is hereby given, that by virtue of said power of sale and in pursuance of the statute the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises in said mortgage and hereafter described, by Horatio S. Stewart, as trustee, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the front door of the Orange County Court House, in the village of Goshen, in the county of Orange, on the 22d day of February, 1898, at twelve o'clock noon of that day.

The following is a description of the mortgaged premises to be sold as aforesaid and contained in said mortgage, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land, situate in the village of Goshen, on the westerly side of West Main street, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a point in the centre of a stone bridge in the sidewalk on the westerly side of West Main street, about one hundred and ten feet easterly of the east corner of land belonging to the heirs of James Wardrop, deceased, and running thence in an easterly direction along said line of said West Main street one hundred and five feet; thence in a northerly direction, and at right angles with above line one hundred and twenty-five feet to lands of N. Y., L. E. and W. Rail road; thence in a westerly direction, along line of said railroad land one hundred and fifty feet; thence in a southerly direction one hundred and twenty-five feet to place of beginning, being a lot one hundred and fifty feet front and rear, and one hundred and twenty-five feet deep, be the same more or less. Being the same premises which William M. Sarer and Jane, his wife, by a certain deed, dated the 20th day of June, A. D., 1879, conveyed to the said The Goshen Gas Light Company in fee, together with all and singular the buildings, machinery, improvements, ways, streets, alleys, passages, waters, water courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining the etc, and the reversions and remainders rents, issues and profits thereof, and also all the corporate rights and franchises of the said party of the first part, and all the real estate and corporate franchises, and which the said party of the first part, its successors and assigns shall or may acquire or be seized or possessed of subsequent to the date of this indenture.

Dated Nov. 17, 1897

Monlattebtp2 HORATIO S. STEWART, Trustee

IN Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the county of Orange, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Elizabeth Jane Wickham, late of the city of Middletown, in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, the executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, at the First National Bank, in the city of Middletown, on or before the first day of February, 1898.

S. W. ROBERTSON, Executor.

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Clips Their Wool.

A clergyman, famous for his begging abilities, was once catechizing a Sunday school. When comparing himself—the pastor of a church—to a shepherd, and his congregation to the sheep, he put the following question to the children:

"What does the shepherd do for the sheep?"

To the amusement of those present a small boy in the front row piped out "Shears them!"—Tit-Bits.

The Greatest of Them All.

He is great who wins in battle,
Likewise he that rules the state;
He is great who's for prodigie
Help him acquer in debate;
He is great who, with his pencil,
Holds old nature up to view—
But the greatest of all mortals
Is the noble fellow who
Can find his collar button
And not lose his temper, too!
—Chicago News.

A SUSPICION VERIFIED.

Visitor to Asylum—Who is that man with the notebook? He doesn't appear insane.

Attendant—No. He is employed by Fiddle & Umpteay, the music publishers, to suggest titles for songs. He comes here every day for inspiration.—N. Y. World.

Real Estate Item.

He begged the maid to "share his lot."
She gave it away a bit.
And asked: "What is it worth a foot?
And what's the size of it?"
—Cleveland Leader.

Overpaid.

An Irishman who had jumped into the water to save a man from drowning, on receiving a sixpence from the rescued man, looked first at the sixpence and then at the donor, saying:

"The jowers, I am overpaid for that job."—Tit-Bits.

A Possible Explanation.

Anxious Mother—Don't you know that George Washington never, never told a lie?

Sinful Boy—Maybe his mamma didn't care how much cakes and jam he took, and he wasn't 'fraid to tell her.—N. Y. Weekly.

The Toil of Search.

"Well," said the patron of the arts and muses, "what do you think of the fellow's voice, now that you have heard her? I—it was I who discovered it."

"I cannot," said the critic, "say too much for your industry."—Town Topics.

Culture.

"Is it true," asked the visitor of the old resident, "that this town used to be called 'Daisy?'"

"Yep. But there was a family moved here from Boston and they got it changed to 'Marguerite.'"—Detroit Free Press.

Good Company.

Papa Crumley—I judge a man, sir, by the company he keeps.

Mr. Suitor—Yes, sir. I hope you will bear in mind that I've been keeping company with your daughter for over two years.—Philadelphia North American.

A Way Men Have.

Mrs. Styles—One characteristic about my husband I like; he always calls a spade a spade.

Mrs. Laight—I suppose he's like all husbands, however; he calls a club a lodge.—Yonkers Statesman.

Incontrovertible Proof.

Husband—Why do you tell it around that Mrs. Puffly does all her own baking? You know nothing about it.

Wife—I do too. Every one of the family has dyspepsia.—Detroit Free Press.

Closed Up.

Reporter—What shall I say about this flow who was found shut up in a folding bed?

Editor—Call it the closing scene of his life.—N. Y. Journal.

Gives Him Some.

Wife (after a quarrel)—Yes, I've got a temper of my own.

Husband—I wish you weren't so generous with your property.—London Fun.

The Only Explanation.

"Where will I find my wife?" asked Simms of the clerk on bargain day.

"She hasn't been here at all."

"Heavens! She must be seriously ill."—Detroit Free Press.

Criticism.

Mr. Jason (before the old master")—I'll bet that there was a purty fair picture when it was new.—Indianapolis Journal.

Class In Natural History.

"Name two animals noted especially for their ferocity."

"Two cats tied across a clothes-line, ma'am."—Chicago Tribune.

May Have Changed.

"Is she a blond or a brunette?"

"I don't know. I haven't seen her for a week."—Chicago Post.

Evidently High Time.

He—What would you say if I were to kiss you?

She—I should say: "Better late than never."—Puck.

A Very Determined Suicide.

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 20.—Thomas Hanlon, 68 years of age, died last night from the effects of a number of opium pills which he swallowed and from inhaling gas in his room at a local hotel. Hanlon came here about a week ago and registered as from Washington. He represented himself as a pensioner, engaged a week's board at the hotel, paying in advance, and spent money liberally until his supply became exhausted, when he resorted to suicide.

Plate Glass Strike Over.

KOKOMO, Ind., Dec. 20.—The plate glass strike is over, the 1,600 men in the Kokomo and Elwood plants having accepted the company's proposition for polishers to be paid for piece work. Both factories will resume operations this week.

Negro's Remains Honored.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 20.—The body of Lewis George Clark, the original George Harris of Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin," who died Thursday, lay in state in the Auditorium from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. yesterday. No such honor had ever before been paid a negro in Kentucky.

May Send the Corwin Also.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—It is proposed by the treasury department to supplement the relief work of the revenue cutter Bear among the distressed whalers in the North Pacific by dispatching the revenue cutter Corwin to her assistance in the early spring.

Fatal Explosion on a Steamer.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—In an explosion aboard the British steamer Southern Cross, from Buenos Ayres for Liverpool, which arrived at Madeira yesterday, several were killed or wounded.

Killed In a Tunnel.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20.—William Kelly, aged 23, was instantly killed and H. G. Hickson, aged 25, seriously injured by a locomotive while walking in the Belt line tunnel between Dolphin and Lanvale streets.

Sheriff Short In Accounts.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 20.—Sheriff M. S. Tarleton of Ritchie county has been shown to be about $10,000 short in his cash accounts and has been relieved from further duty, his bondsman having given him up.

To Vote on Bimetallism.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The twelfth committee of the chamber of deputies has resolved to ask the government to submit a bill establishing bimetallism in France.

LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

For the information of our readers, we publish below a complete list of the numbers and locations of all the fire alarm boxes in this city:

14—Wickham Ave., cor. Prince, O. & W. R. R.
15—North street and Low avenue, hat shops.
16—North St. and Wisner Ave., type shop.
17—Railroad avenue and Montgomery street.
18—Grand avenue and Prince street.
23—Wickham avenue, corner Liberty street.
24—West Main street and Wallkill avenue.
25—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
26—James and Henry streets.
27—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
28—Lake avenue and West street.
29—W. Main street, corner Monhagen avenue.
213—State Hospital Gate.
214—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
215—Rear of State Hospital.
34—Fulton and Mill streets, hat shop.
35—High and Hanford streets.
36—Canal street, condensery.
37—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
38—Fairview avenue and South street.
41—Fulton street and East avenue.
42—Academy avenue and Houston avenue.
43—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
45—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
46—Academy avenue and Genung street.
47—Myrtle and Prospect avenue.
48—Grant street and Sprague avenues.
49—East Main street and Prospect avenue.
51—North street, near Orchard.
57—Franklin Square.
21—Rung before a box number, denotes that a test is being made.
1 stroke denotes circuit broken.
2-2-2 strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.
3 strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.
4 strokes of bell denotes recall, fire is out.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured In Three Days.

Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says: "My wife had inflammatory rheumatism in every muscle and joint, her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen beyond recognition; had been in bed for six weeks and had eight physicians but received no benefit until she tried the Mystic Cure for Rheumatism. It gave immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life." Sold by J. E. Mills, No. 2 Empire Block, Druggist, Middletown.

Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says, "After two doctors gave up my boy to die, I saved him from croup by using One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. W. D. Olney.

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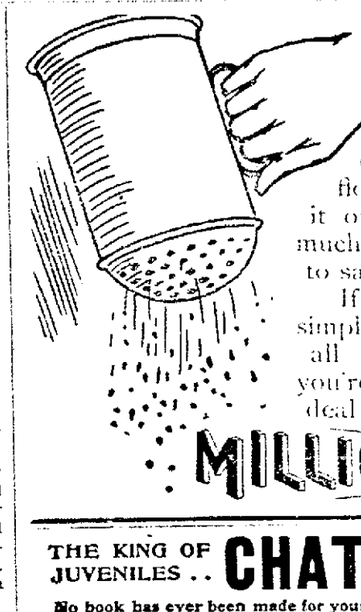

A good idea

is to keep some Pearline in a sifter, ready to use for floor-washing, dish washing, etc., etc. You sprinkle a little over the floor, for instance, and then just wash it over with a wet cloth. See how much more convenient to use than soap, to say nothing of the easier work!

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Our stock is new, complete and ready for inspection. With a very little money your wants can be satisfied. Besides our Christmas stock, we have our usual large stock of Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry and Silverware. Old gold bought and taken in exchange. Eyes examined and lenses fitted free for all glasses purchased before X-mas.

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Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

WARNING TO EXCISE LAW VIOLATORS

Judge Beattie Gives Notice that Imprisonment Will Be the Sentence Imposed in All but Very Exceptional Cases.

In the County Court, last week, Robert Mahon, of the city of Newburgh, was convicted of the crime of illegally trafficking in liquor. In sentencing the prisoner Judge Beattie gave a very strong intimation as to what future violators of the Raines law might expect at his hands. In doing so he did not pay a very high compliment to the author of the act. It might be well for those whose memories are at fault to cut this "sentence" out and paste it in their hats, The Judge said.

"The defendant has been convicted of a violation of the liquor tax law. Under the provision of the act the minimum amount of the fine is limited to the amount to be paid for a tax certificate in the locality in which the offender was doing business. The amount of the tax in the city of Newburgh is $350, and the fine imposed here is that amount.

"Under the former excise act of this State the offender might be imprisoned in default of the payment of the fine, while under this act no such provision exists, and thus the law is practically inoperative as against all ordinary offenders."

The Judge further said: "That hereafter in all but very exceptional cases of convictions of violation of this law a term of imprisonment would be imposed upon the offender. That otherwise any attempt to make the act operative and to make the punishment imposed a deterrent to other offenders was impossible. That merely to enter a judgement for the amount of the fine without likelihood of collection or power to imprison was to make the attempted enforcement of the law a farce."

MRS. OTENS WAS HERE.

United States Marshal Caught Her at Campbell Hall and She Gave Bail to Recorder Barnes.

Mrs. Minnie Otens, the Ellenville woman who was acquitted at Kingston of the charge of throwing vitriol on Wilson R. Denman, started for home, Saturday afternoon, by way of Campbell Hall and this city. She was accompanied by her husband and they were overtaken at Campbell Hall by United States Marshal James G. McCarthy, who promptly placed her under arrest for sending indecent letters through the mail. The party came on to this city and when Mrs. Otens was brought before Recorder Barnes he held her in $500 bail. Her husband, Archibald Otens, gave the security and she will appear before United States Commissioner John A. Shields in New York, January 6.

She was then released and the party left on the night line for Ellenville, the officials stopping the train at Summitville for them.

THE CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

Elected Officers and Declared a Dividend of 5 Per Cent.

The annual meeting of the Middletown Co-operative Association's stockholders was held, Saturday evening. A dividend of 5 per cent. was announced and then the following officers were elected:

President—J. H. Harding.
Vice President—James Teal.
Secretary—Robert Lawrence.
Treasurer—Charles Allison.
Directors—Charles Tierney, John Gannon, Emory S. VanKouren, Henry Gerhardt and Edward Allen.

Nothing to Offend in the "Devil's Auction."

The "Devil's Auction" has been witnessed by thousands of as refined and cultured ladies as there are in America. While there are great ballet scenes, there is absolutely nothing to offend. The company is composed of 50 people and no attraction that has ever played in this city carries so large an amount of spectacular and scenic effects. There has been no advance in prices.

Less than 300 Are Left.

From the Poughkeepsie News-Press

It is said that a widow on Main street wants some of the clothing of her husband's property was to have been $300, and that her share turned out to be less than 100 cents when the legal business was done.

The Matinee Was the Best of All.

The matinee of Priscilla, Saturday afternoon was unquestionably the best production of all. The cast and chorus cut loose into the spirit of the opera as at no time before, and gave it with a vim and precision which marked it as the best amateur performance given in this city.

Want to Give Pinafore in April.

Members of the chorus in Priscilla were asked, Saturday afternoon, after the matinee, whether or not they would participate in a production of "Pinafore" next April. Many consented to do so, and it will probably be given.

Trading Stamps

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DIED

MEAD—At Denton, Dec. 15th, '97, suddenly of apoplexy, Reuben C Mead, in his sixty-eighth year.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon, at one thirty o'clock, at his late residence. Interment in family plot, Hillside Cemetery, Middletown. Friends and relatives will please attend without further notice.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the firm of Ebner Bros., plumbers, steam and gas fitters, lately doing business at 84 Wickham avenue, is hereby dissolved by mutual consent. The undersigned will continue the business at the old stand, where all bills due the firm should be paid.
25d6t JOSEPH O. EBNER.

HOLIDAY SALE—We will sell all our Felt, Chenille and Velvet Hats at a discount of 25 to 50 per cent. Also great reductions on birds, plumes sweeps and fancy feathers. This is to reduce our stock and induce you to buy your hats here for Christmas gifts. See our show lines and embroidery silks. Ribbons sold cheap for fancy work.
50d&wtf MRS. BUSH, 144 North street.

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Deposits made with this company between January 1st and 10th draw interest from the 1st, otherwise interest begins on date of deposit. Pass books will have accrued interest entered upon presentation after Jan. 15th.
25 10 to Jan 10 G. SPENCER COWLEY, Secretary.

DISSOLUTION—On the first day of December, 1897, the firm of Thomas C. and Fred C. Royce Dentists, Middletown, N. Y., was dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be continued by Dr. Thomas C. Royce, who will be assisted by Dr. A. Freeman Foote, late of Brooklyn, N. Y. Dr. Foote is making a specialty of operative dentistry and is familiar with the application of electricity in its use for ameliorating pain attending dental operations. Crown and bridge work and dentistry in all its branches will receive prompt and careful attention at this office, corner of Main and South streets, over National Express Co.'s office.
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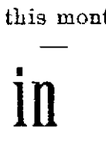

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Saturday's sales nearly wrecked our stock. By availing ourselves of electricity we start the week in good shape, and a fine stock from which to select some one useful, sensible Christmas present.

MATTHEWS & CO.

Always to the front, never undersold. Biggest sale of Mats and Rugs Middletown ever saw. All kinds Traveling Bags.

NORTH AND ROBERTS STS., MIDDLETOWN

ONE CENT A WORD

for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

THERE are many new designs in Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, etc., for the season of '97-'98. Call and examine them at A. M. AMBLER'S, 50 North street, next to Press office. Repairing a specialty at short notice and all work guaranteed. Engraving of all goods purchased free of charge. See other adv.

PERFUMES in Bulk—Woodworth's best triple extracts, Violets of Sicily, Blue Lilies, Jockey Club, Musk, Lily of the Valley, Crab Apple Blossom, Frangipanni, White Rose, Stephanotis, Heliotrope, etc. We'll be pleased to show them to you.
CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from post office.

A SPLENDID Line of elegant Sachet Powder (for the ladies' use in making Christmas gifts), composed of trailing arbutus, white rose, heliotrope, violet, blue lilies, frangipanni, jockey club, etc., at
CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from postoffice.

HONEY Delivered C. O. D.—Five pound pail, pure extracted, 50c. Order by phone or postal at Belding's Flower Store or house, Gottsche street.
d30,7,14,21 CHESTER BELDING.

FINE Christmas Presents—Old violins $2 and $5, mandolins $1 to $3, banjos $2 to $3, and extra fine zither and case, 52 strings, only $5.50, seldom get such a fine instrument.
EXCHANGE AND MART CO., No. 46 East Main street.

LOWER Part of house, 69 East avenue; lower part of house, with barn, 30 Canal street; lower part of house, with barn, 203 East Main street, for rent.
Enquire of P. CUMMINGS, 100 North street, or corner East Ave. and Fulton St. 75dtf

WANTED on Bond and Mortgage—$2,800, 5 per cent., security worth $8,000, in this city; also $1,500 wanted, 6 per cent.
MERRILL & BURKE, Attorneys, No. 57 North street. dtf

LADIES' and Gents' Suits and overcoats cleaned, dyed and pressed, gloves cleaned, ostrich plumes cleaned, dyed and curled.
86d3mFeb2 J. A. AUSTIN, 93 Wickham Ave.

THE Klondike isn't in it with the bargains in second-hand goods at LOEVEN'S Storage House, 21 Monhagen avenue. 7dly9Oct3,93

FOR RENT—Double house, No. 14 Beattie avenue, arranged for two families, city water. Rent if wanted. Inquire at desirable location.
Hoff F. C. EVERSON, 150 East Main street.

CHOICE PERFUMES make desirable Christmas gifts for young and old, but get GOOD. There is any quantity of cheap, trashy stuff offered in dry goods and bargain stores. We will be pleased to show you our line of really fine perfumes ranging in price from 25c to $2.50. Call in and see them at
CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from postoffice.

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

State and County Tax.

Notice is hereby given, as required by statute, to the taxable inhabitants of the city of Middletown, N. Y., that the undersigned Collector of Taxes, in and for said city, has received the warrant for the collection of State and County Taxes for the current year, and will attend at the City Clerk's office, Room No. 2, Times Building corner of King and Center streets, on each working day of the week (Saturday afternoons and holidays excepted), for thirty days from Dec. 17th, 1897, until Jan. 22d, 1898, from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of receiving payment of said taxes.
E. M. HAMILTON Collector.
Dated Middletown, N. Y., Dec 16 th, 1897.
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WANTED—Ladies to remember that you swore off on having your shoes repaired with nails. It makes them stiff and heavy. CRAIG sews on the soles, which makes your shoes feel flexible. The cost is no more.

SPECIAL SALE OF WRAPPERS AT 98c. AND $1.48

HART DAVIS, 45 North Street.

SPECIAL SALE OF DOLLS 15, 25, 33, 48, 69c. BEST VALUES EVER SHOWN.

WHAT TO BUY AND WHERE TO BUY IT!

The best assortment usually decides it. This store has prepared to offer something more powerful than mere assortment. It has linked economy with its vast collection. For months the work of price pressure buying has gone on to land on our counters the most remarkable Holiday Goods values in the world of retailing.

FOR MEN.

Silk Initial Handkerchiefs	25, 39c
Linen Initial Handkerchiefs	25c
Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs	15, 19c
Black Cashmere Socks	25c
Close Roll Umbrellas	$1.29 to $2.48
Oxidized Match Safes	25c
Traveling Cases	75c to $3.50
Collar and Cuff Boxes	89c up
Necktie Boxes	69c up
Calendar and Letter Boxes	48c
Glass Paper Weights	19c up
Wood and Silver Wells	19c up
Postage Stamp Boxes	29c
Paper Cutters	25, 39c
Paper Calendars	10c up
Pocket Scissors	25c
Brush Brooms, silver tipped	19, 25c
Match Trays	10 to 69c
Cigar Cutter and Ash Receiver	$1 48
Cigar Sets	10, 25, 48c
Match Trays	19c
Playing Cards	39, 48c
Bag Tags	25, 48c
Umbrella Fasteners	19c
Wood Ink Wells	25c to $1.19
½ doz. pair Fine Cotton Hose	$1.00
Leather Cigar Cases	39, 48c
Raphael Tuck Calendars	19c up
Silver Overcoat Holders	48c
Fine Hair Brushes	25 to 68c
Nail Files	25, 48c
Toothpick Holders	10c
Holiday Box Soap and Perfume	39, 49c
Night Shirts	49, 69c
White Shirts	48, 68c
Smoking Sets	25, 48c
Men's Suspenders 15c., 2 for	25c
Fine Undershirts and Drawers	75, 98c
Whist Markers	18c

FOR CHILDREN.

Tin Trumpets	5, 10, 15, 25c
Circle Railways	48, 98c., $1 48
Large Box Paints	10c
Toy Sad Irons	5 10, 15 25c
Magic Lanterns	48c to $1 98
Doll Houses	48, 98c
Doll Swings	15, 25c
Toy Guns	10c
Electric Fountains	48c
Magic Boxes	48c
Drums	19c up
Christmas Tree Candles	10c a box
Marble Arch	15c
Punch and Judy	25c
Black Boards	19c up
Drawing Slates	5, 10c
Targets	5, 10c
Iron Horse and Surrey	25c
Wood Carts	10c up
Iron Carts	25c up
Juvenile Books	5 to 48c
Toy Dishes	5 to 98c
Iron Trains	19c to $2 98
Mechanical Engine	48c
Iron Ranges	25c to $1 18
Iron Banks	10 to 98c
Iron Boats	25, 48c
Crandell's Treasure Box	48c
Toy Tool Chests	25, 98c
Harmonicas	5, 10, 15c
Rubber Balls	10, 15, 25c
Ten Pins	10, 25, 48, 69c
Hair Horses	19c to $1.25
Noah Arks	25 to 98c
Toy Laundry Sets	15c
Toy Forts	25c to $2.98
Tin Stoves	10 to 48c
Musical Tops	5, 10, 15, 25c
Blocks, all kinds	5 to 48c
Games, 50 kinds	5c up
Toy Accordeons	25c
Soldier Sets	25, 48, 98c
Knit Dolls	5, 10, 25, 39c
Kid Body Dolls, special	15, 25, 48c
Dressed Dolls, special	15, 33, 69c
Doll Trunks	39 to 98c
Doll Cradles	25, 48c

FOR WOMEN.

Sterling Silver Paper Cutters	25, 50c
Sterling Silver Nail Files	25, 48c
Sterling Silver Cuticle	25, 50c
Sterling Silver Scissors	75c
Sterling Silver Stocking Darners	48c
Sterling Silver Pen Knife	25c
Sterling Silver Book Marks	25c
Hand Mirrors	10, 15, 19, 48, 69, 98c
Silver Top Puff Boxes	48c
Bohemian Puff and Jewel Boxes	69, 98c., $1.19
Hat Brushes	19, 48c
Dressing Sets, brush, comb and mirror	98c., $1.19, $1.48, $1.68
Silver Ink Wells	19, 25, 48
Silver Jewel Boxes	15, 98c
Postage Stamp and Pen Boxes	19, 25c
Raphael Tuck & Son's Fine Booklets and Calendars	5c up
Fine Umbrellas	$1.48, $1.98, $2 48
Picture Frames	19, 25, 39c
Special Jardeniers	10, 25, 39, 49, 79c
Fine Holiday Perfumes	25, 39, 49c
Prepared Palms	95c., $1.15
Candle Sticks, with Candles	19, 25c
Nickle Nut Picks	10c a set
Nut Picks and Cracker	25, 39, 48c
Fine Box Papers	15, 25, 49c
Silver Novelty Lamps	25c
Glass Night Lamps, with 5 oz. lemon or vanilla extract	25c
Special Hair Brushes	25, 39, 48, 68c
Handsome Underskirts	98c to $1.98
Pretty Dressing Sacques	98c to $1.48
Handsome Wrappers	98c., $1.48
Special White Aprons	25, 48c
Elegant Silk Waist Patterns, 5 yds., all linings	$1.98
Handsome Dress Patterns, all linings	$4 98, $5.98, $6.98
Fine Pocketbooks	25, 48c
Special Handkerchiefs	10, 15, 25, 48c

HART DAVIS,

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